

RESOLUTION NO. 5876

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 5276.

WHEREAS, the City of Albany Fire Department operates an ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviews and authorizes ambulance service fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City Council of Albany, Oregon, that the fees described in Exhibit "A" be established effective February 1, 2010, for services provided by the Fire Department's ambulance service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Department shall offer an ambulance membership program called Albany FireMed which is not insurance, but is prepayment of ambulance service charges in excess of any health insurance or other medical benefits the member may have; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Department shall provide emergency medical care at the Advanced Life Support (ALS) level on all ambulances so long as resources allow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Department shall reserve the right to accept assignment of payment received from any third-party payer, including the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Department shall accept payments received from the Oregon Health Plan as payment in full for ambulance service, except where other medical benefits may exist; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 5276 is hereby repealed.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY 2010.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

**Exhibit "A"**

**1. Ambulance Fee Schedule Effective February 1, 2010:**

Base Rate	\$1,020.00	Waiting Time (per hour)	\$180.00
Bariatric Services	420.00	Aid Call (no transport)	420.00
Extrication/Rescue	420.00	FireMed Membership (annual)	50.00
Mileage (per loaded mile)	19.50	Stand-by Coverage (per unit/per hour)	270.00
Extra EMT (per hour)	90.00	Stand-by Coverage (per EMT/per hour)	90.00

2. **Base Rate:** The base rate fee covers all medical supplies, equipment, procedures, and services associated with pre-hospital medical care and ambulance transportation. Mileage and other services are billed in excess of the base rate. One base rate fee is charged for each patient transported. Only one base rate fee is charged for a round-trip transport from point of origin to destination and back to origin.
3. **Bariatric Services:** Fee for transporting obese patients, requiring additional emergency services personnel and specialized bariatric equipment.
4. **Extrication/Rescue:** Fees charged when an additional Albany Fire Department unit assists in performing fire suppression activities, extrication, or rescue that requires specialized equipment.
5. **Mileage:** A mileage fee is charged for each patient who is transported. Mileage is based on "loaded miles" from the point of patient origin to destination and is computed to the nearest whole mile. Mileage for round trips is computed on total round-trip mileage.
6. **Waiting Time:** Waiting time is charged when a patient is transported to a medical facility for medical treatment and then returned to the originating facility. This usually occurs between a hospital or care facility and another hospital, but may occur in other circumstances. Waiting time is charged in half-hour increments to the nearest half-hour and is charged only for time spent waiting for the patient. Time spent in transport and patient handling is covered under the base rate and mileage.
7. **Extra EMT:** An extra EMT fee is charged for each extra Albany Fire Department EMT that is medically necessary to assist with patient care or ambulance operation during transport.
8. **Aid Call:** An aid call fee is charged when an ambulance responds to a medical incident and provides medical treatment, but does not transport the patient. The aid call fee depends on circumstances, but is usually only charged when significant medical treatment is provided.
9. **FireMed Membership:** The FireMed Membership fee covers the primary member and all dependents regularly living in the household for medically-necessary ambulance transportation during the annual membership period. The member and all covered dependents must live within the boundaries of the Albany Fire Department Ambulance response area. The terms of membership benefits are described in the Albany FireMed membership agreement.
10. **Stand-by Coverage (unit):** The stand-by coverage fee is charged to individuals and organizations that want ambulance and EMT stand-by at public events. A unit consists of an on-site ambulance staffed by two EMTs. The EMTs will provide first response and all necessary first aid. A duty ambulance will handle ambulance transportation, and the patient will be charged for ambulance transportation.
11. **Stand-by Coverage (EMT):** The stand-by coverage fee is charged to individuals and organizations that want an EMT stand-by at public events. The EMTs will provide first response and all necessary first aid. A duty ambulance will handle ambulance transportation, and the patient will be charged for ambulance transportation.