

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Executive		12-5	RECEIVED DEC 7 1994 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	12-13	Finance and Council
Division Head:				1/10/95	
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	RSW	12/6/94			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	RSW/pal	12/6/94			

SUBJECT:

Ordinance amending the fee schedule for ambulance service charges

ATTACHMENTS:

- the ordinance
- information sheet from the Bellingham Fire Department showing current and proposed rate changes

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / <input type="checkbox"/> / YES / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / Requested date: 1/10/95
Amount budgeted for this item/project: \$	Is it (or will it be) within budget? YES / <input type="checkbox"/> / NO / <input type="checkbox"/> (Please explain below)
Budget line item number(s):	

The interlocal agreement between the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County to provide emergency medical care and transportation services (ambulance) requires that the City and whatcom County agree on and establish fees by ordinance. Ordinance 94-014 adopted on 3/22/94 adjusted user rates to make the service fully funded. This ordinance further refines the fee schedule to make the charges truly reflective of the cost of providing the service.

The fees are not included in the Unified Fee Schedule for Whatcom County because the City of Bellingham Fire Department collects the fees.

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Pass

COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

12/13/94: Introduced
 1/10/95: Adopted 6-1 (Brenner opposed)

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 95-001

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 94-014, ESTABLISHING
SERVICE FEES AND SETTING A FEE SCHEDULE
RELATING TO AMBULANCE SERVICE CHARGES

WHEREAS, an interlocal agreement between the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County provides for emergency medical care and transportation services (ambulance) and also requires that the City and Whatcom County agree on and establish the fees by ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the base rates established in Ordinance 94-014 need to be adjusted to reflect increased costs of providing the service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the fee schedule for ambulance services in Section A and B of Ordinance 94-014 is now superseded by a new Section A and B below; also, Sections C, D, E, F, G and H are now added:

A. BASE RATES - EMERGENCY MEDICAL (In Dollars)

Basic life support (no transport)	\$75.00
Basic life support transport (county)	260.00
Basic life support transport (out of county)	310.00
Advanced life support (no transport)	200.00
Advanced life support transport (county/supplies included)	420.00
Advanced life support transport (county/supplies additional)	397.00
Advanced life support transport (out of county/supplies included)	470.00
Advanced life support transport (out of county/supplies additional)	447.00

NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL

Basic life support (county)	210.00
Basic life support transport (out of county)	260.00
Advanced life support transport (county/supplies included)	325.00
Advanced life support transport (county/supplies additional)	302.00
Advanced life support transport (out of county/supplies included)	370.00
Advanced life support transport (out of county/supplies additional)	347.00

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B. MILEAGE

Mileage per mile, from the point at which the patient is accepted to the point of delivery 7.00

C. STANDBY SERVICE (per hour) 50.00

D. OXYGEN (for base rates, with supplies additional) 18.00

E. MULTIPLE PATIENTS IN ONE AMBULANCE 75.00

(Two or more patients carried by one ambulance, an additional charge of \$75.00 for each patient above the first patient shall be added to the base rate. This amount shall then be prorated among the patients)

F. INTRAVENOUS SETUPS, drugs and disposable supplies Cost plus 10%

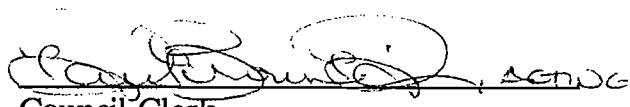
G. NON-RESIDENT AND NON-OWNER of real property in Whatcom County user \$100.00

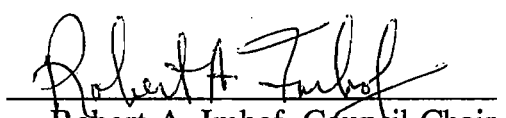
H. NIGHT CHARGE (7:00 P.M. TO 7:00 A.M.) 20.00

ADOPTED THIS 10 DAY OF January, 1995.

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

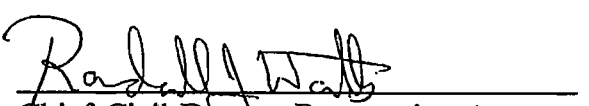
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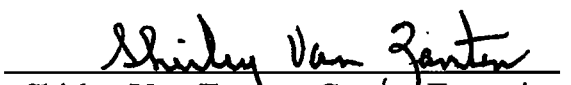

Council Clerk


Robert A. Imhof, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED DENIED


Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney


Shirley Van Zanten, County Executive

Date: _____

