

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: 9/14/04

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-046

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 00-085,
ESTABLISHING SERVICE FEES AND SETTING A FEE SCHEDULE RELATED 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; and

WHEREAS, the base rates established in Ordinance 95-001 and amended in Ordinance 00-085 should be amended to reflect a new fee schedule consistent with changes to Medicare reimbursements,

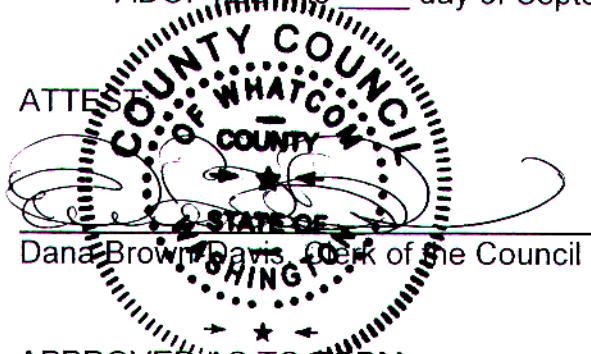
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the fee schedule for ambulance services in Ordinance 00-085 is now amended as follows:

A. Base Rates:

	In Dollars	
Emergency Medical:		
Basic life support (no transport)	\$75	<u>\$125</u>
Basic life support transport (county)	320	<u>390</u>
Basic life support transport (out of county)	370	
Advanced life support (no transport)	200	<u>225</u>
Advanced life support transport <u>ALS 1</u> (county/supplies included)	540	
<u>Advanced life support transport ALS 2</u>		<u>675</u>
<u>Specialty Care Transport</u>		<u>795</u>
Advanced life support transport —(county/supplies additional)	517	
Advanced life support transport —(out of county/supplies included)	590	
Advanced life support transport —(out of county/supplies additional)	567	
<u>Unsuccessful Resuscitation</u>		<u>390</u>
Non-Emergency Transfers:		
Basic life support (county)	270	

	In Dollars	
Basic life support (out of county)	320	
Advanced life support transport <u>ALS 1</u> —(county/supplies included)	385	
Advanced life support transport —(county/supplies additional)	362	
Advanced life support transport —(out of county/supplies included)	430	
Advanced life support transport —(out of county/supplies additional)	407	
 B. Mileage Charges:		
Mileage per mile, from the point at which the patient is accepted to the point of delivery.	11	
 Standby Service:		
Standby service (per hour)	50	
 D. Oxygen Usage Charge:		
Oxygen	48	
 <u>C.E.</u> Multiple Patients Charge:		
Multiple patients in one ambulance: Two or more patients carried by one ambulance, an additional charge of \$75/each patient above the first patient shall be added to the base rate (see "A" above). This amount shall then be pro-rated among the patients. Billed in accordance with Medicare guidelines; bill full base rate Medicare prorates for additional patients.	75	<u>Current ALS or BLS base rate</u>
 <u>F.D.</u> Disposable Supplies Charge <u>Drugs</u>:		
Medications and cardiac monitoring <u>Drugs</u>	Per Medicare Fee Schedule	<u>Cost + 10%</u>
 <u>G.E.</u> Non-Resident Charge:		
Non-resident and non-owner of real property in Whatcom County user	100	

ADOPTED this 28th day of September, 2004.



ATTEST
Dana Brown Davis, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel Z. Gibson
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dan McShane
Dan McShane, Council Chair

Approved Denied

Pete Kremen
Pete Kremen, County Executive