

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Tim Malchow, EMS Chief
SUBJECT: Ambulance Rates for Service
DATE: December 16, 2019

BACKGROUND

The ambulance service periodically looks rates and adjusts them as needed. Just because we bill a specific rate for a call, it does not mean we will end up receiving that amount. Insurance companies, Medicare, and Medicaid adjust the amounts billed either due to billing agreements or state and federal rules.

The new charges were briefly talked about in a work session early fall. There is a growing problem where people continue to fall at home and they call 911 to have help getting up. Many people do not want to transition to a place where these services could be provided. Three or more lift assist will trigger the charge. I would recommend lift assist is charge is for all city departments (ambulance, fire, and police).

Level of Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
BLS Non-emergency	\$900.00	\$1,500.00
BLS Emergency	\$1,350.00	\$1,800.00
ALS 1	\$1,500.00	\$1,700.00
ALS 1 Emergency	\$1,650.00	\$2,000.00
ALS 2	\$1,850.00	\$2,200.00
Specialty Care Transport	\$2,400.00	\$2,500.00
Mileage	\$23.00 per mile	\$26.00 per mile
Treat and Release	\$500.00	\$500.00
Cardiac Arrest – No Transport	\$700.00	\$700.00
BLS- Air Care Scene Assist	\$300.00	\$300.00
ALS- Air Care Scene Assist	\$450.00	\$450.00
BLS Standby	\$150.00 / hour	\$175.00 / hour
ALS Standby	\$200.00 / hour	\$225.00 / hour
Community Care Paramedic	\$100.00 / hour	\$100.00 / hour

NEW Charges

EMS personnel standby, per person		\$50.00 / hour
Lift Assist, 3 and more times	N/A	\$200.00
Patient assessment and refusal – Motor Vehicle Crash	N/A	\$200.00
Waiting time		\$100.00 / 30 mins

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Request a motion to approve the fee schedule for ambulance charges.

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS
COUNTY OF GOODHUE, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2454

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE IN RATES CHARGED FOR
AMBULANCE SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020**

WHEREAS, the City of Cannon Falls operates an ambulance service which is licensed under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has established a rate structure for the provision of ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, City Staff have reviewed the current rate structure, that was adopted January 5, 2016, in light of current costs of operations and Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement structures; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls hereby approves the implementation of a new ambulance fee schedule. Said fee schedule, a copy of which is attached to this resolution, shall take effect January 1, 2020.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANNON FALLS ON
THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.**

SIGNED:

John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Maroney, City Administrator

2020 Ambulance Fee Schedule

Level of Service	2020 Rate
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