

RESOLUTION NO. 1095

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES FOR FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1058.

WHEREAS, the City operates fire, ambulance and emergency medical service for persons who are in need of emergency medical services and non-emergency attendant care; and

WHEREAS, the City incurs substantial costs in the operations of said fire, ambulance and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City that such services be paid for through fees charged to persons who use said services; and

WHEREAS, on a comparative basis, other ambulance services experience the same need to pay all costs of operating such services;

THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CASCADE LOCKS, HOOD RIVER COUNTY, OREGON, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Setting Rates for Fire, Ambulance and Emergency and Non-Emergency Medical Services. The attached (Exhibit A) rate schedules are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Repeal of Prior Resolutions. City of Cascade Locks Resolution No. **1058** is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

SECTION 4. Expiration. This resolution shall remain in effect until repealed by the City Council.

ADOPTED by the City Council this **9th** day of **October**, 2006.

APPROVED by the Mayor this **9th** day of **October**, 2006.

Cascade Locks Fire & EMS
Schedule of Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Rates

BASE RATE

The City charges an “all-inclusive” Base Rate for all patients treated and transported or, in certain circumstances, when the patient is treated but not transported. In part, the City's operating budget is supported by residents within the City and residents outside the City are assessed an additional 25% rate differential. The Base Rate becomes effective upon the response of the ambulance. This serves as a minimum charge to support the City's fixed expenses. The Base Rate charge is structured to fit the type and level of services delivered to the patient.

Stretcher Transported Patients

Stretcher Patient: Patients who are transported on an ambulance stretcher (including auxiliary stretchers) will be charged a Stretcher Patient Base Rate.

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non Resident</u>
BLS Stretcher Base Rate.....	\$575.00.....	\$718.75
ALS Stretcher Base Rate	\$825.00.....	\$1031.25

Non-Stretcher Transported Patients

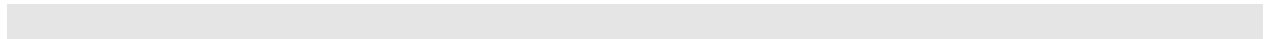
Sit-Up Patient: Patients who are transported sitting up in a regular seat in the medic unit (not on a stretcher), will be charged a Sit-Up Patient Base Rate. The amount charged is 50% of the corresponding stretcher transport base rate as described above.

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non Resident</u>
BLS Sit-Up Base Rate	\$287.50.....	\$359.38
ALS Sit-Up Base Rate	\$412.50.....	\$515.63

Non-Transported Patients

Non-Transport Aid Call: Patients who receive treatment at the scene, especially advanced life support procedures or supplies, but are not transported to a medical facility will be charged a Non-Transport Aid Call Base Rate. This charge is to cover the cost of response, supplies, and services rendered to the patient. There is no charge for response to unattended deaths when no resuscitation is attempted, non-injury motor vehicle accidents, or simple public assists.

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non Resident</u>
BLS Aid Call Base Rate	\$287.50.....	\$359.38
ALS Aid Call Base Rate	\$412.50.....	\$515.63



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MULTIPLE PATIENT SITUATIONS

Non-Medicare Multiple Patient Situations: When a medic unit transports more than one patient from the same incident or from unrelated incidents, each patient is charged a full base rate. This is in recognition that each patient receives the same care and transportation services as when only one patient is transported. This also applies for Medicare eligible patients where Medicare will not be the source of payment. However, an adjustment will be made for mileage charges. In instances where more than one patient is transported in the same medic unit, the normal mileage charge will be split among the number of patients transported, i.e. if two patients are transported, they will each be charged a full base rate but will only be charged 50% of the normal mileage charge, three patients would be charge 33 1/3% of the normal mileage charge.

Medicare Multiple Patient Situations: When an ambulance transports more than one patient and one is Medicare eligible and one is not, from the same incident or from unrelated incidents, the base rate fee (according to the appropriate level of medical care provided to that Medicare patient) for the Medicare patient(s) will be prorated by the number of patients in the ambulance. In this situation, the full base rate charge for the appropriate level of care will be assessed to the non-Medicare patient(s). Similarly, if both patients are Medicare beneficiaries, the base rate fee will be prorated for each Medicare beneficiary according to the appropriate level of medical care provided to that Medicare patient. Normal mileage charge will be split among the number of patients transported, i.e. if two patients are transported, they be charged 50% of the normal mileage charge, three patients would be charge 33 1/3% of the normal mileage charge.

MILEAGE

Mileage: The fee for mileage reflects the distance traveled (rounded up to the nearest mile, one mile minimum) from the point of patient pick-up to the point of patient destination (patient miles only). A mileage fee will be billed in conjunction with the appropriate Base Rate fee. In instances where more than one patient is transported in the same medic unit, the normal mileage charge will be split among the number of patients transported, i.e. if two patients are transported, they will only be charged one-half of the normal mileage charge, three patients would be charge one-third of the normal mileage charge.

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non Resident</u>
Mileage (one patient)	\$14.00/mile.....	\$17.50/mile
Mileage (two patients)	\$7.00/mile.....	\$8.75/mile
Mileage (three patients)	\$4.67/mile.....	\$5.84/mile

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EXTRA ATTENDANT

When a patient’s condition warrants that an extra emergency medical technician assists the ambulance crew during transport, a fee for the extra attendant will be charged. Situations and conditions where an extra attendant charge is applicable include: an acute/critical patient, a disturbed/combatative patient, or an extremely obese patient (300 pounds or more). In each case, diagnosis or documentation must indicate medical necessity.

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Extra Attendant	\$60.00/hour	\$75.00/hour

WAITING TIME

If the waiting time is extraordinarily long and constitutes an unusual circumstance that prevents the ambulance and crew from responding to any other request for services, waiting time may be charged. Unusual circumstances would occur when there are medical complications requiring additional time, effort or expense. The reason for the waiting time must be documented. Waiting time is billed in one-half hour increments. The first one-half hour is not billed, as it is included in the Base Rate. Any portion of a one-half hour increment is billed as a whole one-half hour increment.

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Waiting Time	\$55.00/half hr	\$68.75/half hr

STAND BYS

All pre-arranged paid stand bys are billed at an hourly rate. There is no Base Rate or Mileage charge to the person/organization requesting the stand by. If a patient is treated and transported from the stand by event, the patient will be billed normal rates. Stand by time is charged from the time personnel first arrive at the station to prepare for the stand by, until they have arrived back at the station and have completed all duties related to the standby. A standby crew consists of two crew members with a dedicated paramedic unit. In the event of an emergency, the standby may be canceled or the paramedic unit may be recalled from the standby event without notice.

STANDBY.....\$110.00 per hour
 (2-hour minimum charge)

Patients treated and/or transported from a standby event will be charged in accordance with normal rates for services provided.

On-Scene Coordinator.....\$55.00 per hour
 (50% of the Stand By Rate)

If an event requires two or more medic units, an on-scene coordinator may be required.

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HELICOPTER CALLS

A Base Rate will be charged for all helicopter calls. The cost of the helicopter is passed on to the patient at our cost. The price of each call will differ because flight time, preparation time, and other factors are usually different for each call.

HELICOPTER CHARGE.....Actual Vendor Charge

Charges for the helicopter and pilot will be passed on to the patient at cost. In addition, the following charges will apply:

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BASE RATE.....	\$825.00	\$1,031.25
MILEAGE.....	\$14.00/mile	\$17.50/mile

Mileage is charged only if an ambulance was required to transport a paramedic crew to the location of the helicopter or transporting a patient to the helicopter.

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

Miscellaneous charges consist of expenses incurred beyond the normal scope of an all-inclusive base rate and mileage charges. For claims submission, they are assigned procedure code A0999 with a charge description and price.

Rescue Truck Response: Charges associated per vehicle for vehicle usage during rescue operations, motor vehicle accidents, situations requiring traffic control or hazardous materials response ~~unit~~ while outside the city limits.

Difficult Removal: Assessed for difficult removal, rescue, trail rescues, or when Jaws of Life are utilized.

Fire Suppression: Charges associated per vehicle, per hour, for equipment usage, manpower and other response activities outside of the city limits under the following circumstances; car fires, grass fires (when a responsible party is identified; excluding areas covered by mutual aid agreements), structure fires (excluding mutual aid calls and homeowners covered by contract), and response to Bonneville Dam.

Rough Roads: Charge assessed for situations creating abnormal wear and tear on medical units such as gravel roads one mile or greater.

Equipment Replacement: Replacement cost of non-disposable equipment destroyed during the course of emergency operations. Any item requiring replacement shall have an incident report describing the occurrence. In addition, three (3) cost estimates will be provided for review with charge for equipment replacement.

Flares: Replacement cost per flare when utilized.

Satellite Phone Use: Charge assessed when use of satellite phone is necessary. One charge will be assessed per response, even if satellite phone is used for multiple calls.

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non Resident</u>
Rescue Truck Response	\$275.00	\$343.75
Difficult Removal	\$300.00	\$375.00

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Fire Suppression (per hour, per vehicle).....	\$300.00.....	\$375.00
Rough Roads (Assessed after one mile)	\$60.00.....	\$75.00
Equipment Replacement	(depends on cost of destroyed item)	
Flares (Charge per flare).....	\$5.00.....	\$6.25
Satellite Phone Use (one charge per response when necessary).....	50.00.....	50.00