

To: NTFPD Board of Directors
From: Steve Leighton, Fire Chief
Date: 4/30/2024

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM # 9, PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RESOLUTION 05-2024, A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE EXISTING RATES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES

Background

In 2019 Ordinance 03-2019 was passed by the Board establishing ambulance transport rates. This ordinance also established a mechanism to adjust those rates every year by a Resolution of the Board during a Public Hearing.

North Tahoe Fire continues to provide excellent ALS service at a great value to our constituents. If the fee increases pass tonight, we will still be providing this service at a lower cost than 17 other SSV providers (30) and \$890 below average. Our El Dorado County ALS service billing is controlled by the County and those rates are higher than ours.

Ordinance 03-2019 states:

“The fees identified in Exhibit “A” of the Ordinance shall be adjusted annually, beginning July 1, 2019 and each July thereafter, by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for “All Urban Consumers” for the U.S. City Average for medical care, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, as published for the twelve (12) month period ending December 31 of the preceding calendar year.”

The following table represents our current rates and the proposed changes:

SERVICE & SUPPLIES	2023/2024 CHARGES	2024/2025 CHARGES
ALS Base Transport	\$2,284.00	\$2,296.00
Mileage	\$48.00	\$49.00
Standby 15 min	\$61.00	\$62.00
Treat No Transport	\$337.00	\$339.00

Recommendation

Hold the public hearing and adopt Resolution 05-2024 adjusting rates for Ambulance services. The Resolution, if approved, would become effective July 1, 2024.



RESOLUTION NO. 05-2024
TO INCREASE EXISTING RATES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2019, the North Tahoe Fire Protection District approved Ordinance No. 03-2019 which indicated that:

1. The Schedule of Fees for services and supplies, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby amended and adopted as the rates to be charged for ambulance, rescue, interfacility transfers and first aid services and supplies by the District.
2. The fees identified in Exhibit "A" of Ordinance 03-2019 shall be adjusted annually, beginning July 1, 2019 and each July thereafter, by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for "All Urban Consumers" for the U.S. City Average for medical care, not seasonally adjusted (1982-84 = 100) as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, as published for the twelve (12) month period ending December 31 of the preceding calendar year, except that no CPI adjustment shall reduce any fees.
3. Approval by the Board of Directors shall be by resolution, adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board prior to enactment of the increase.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Directors that:

1. The fees identified in Exhibit "A" are being adjusted effective July 1, 2024 pursuant to Ordinance 03-2019, by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for "All Urban Consumers" for the U.S. City Average for medical care, not seasonally adjusted (1982-84 = 100) as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, as published for the twelve (12) month period ending December 31 of the preceding calendar year, except that no CPI adjustment shall reduce any fees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Tahoe Fire Protection District, Tahoe City, California this 30th day of April 2024 by the following vote on roll call:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Mike Baffone
President of the Board of Directors

Melissa Daniels, District Clerk

North Tahoe Fire Protection District

Ambulance Rates FY 2024-2025

Exhibit "A"

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