

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 13-71 THROUGH 13-74 OF CHAPTER 13, ADOPT A NEW SECTION 13-75 IN CHAPTER 13, AND AMEND APPENDIX A OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA (2006) TO ESTABLISH OR MODIFY FEES FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia:

1. That Section 13-71 of the Code of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia (2006) be amended as follows:

Sec. 13-71. – Definitions.

For purposes of this article, evaluation, treatment, and ambulance transport services shall be as defined and employed by the United States Health Care Financing Administration and any successor thereto. The term “health care facilities” is defined to include, but not be limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, advanced care facilities, psychiatric facilities, out-patient care facilities, minor emergency care centers, physicians’ offices or any other facility where licensed or certified health care professionals are routinely present and provide medical treatment for patients. The term “loaded mileage” means the number of miles the patient is transported in the ambulance vehicle.

2. That Section 13-72 of the Code of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia (2006) be amended as follows:

Sec. 13-72. Fees; responsibility for payment.

Payment of all charges for ambulance services, including evaluation, assessment, treatment or ambulance transport, established in this division shall be the responsibility of the patient or the parent, guardian, or other legally responsible party in the case of a minor or an incompetent.

3. That Section 13-73 of the Code of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia (2006) be amended as follows:

Sec. 13-73. Fees established.

The fees for ambulance services, including evaluation, assessment, treatment, and ambulance transport shall be as established in section 13-74.

4. That Section 13-74 of the Code of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia (2006) be amended as follows:

Sec. 13-74. Ambulance services fees established.

Fees are established for the following ambulance services as set forth in appendix A to this Code, including evaluation, assessment, treatment, and ambulance transport:

- (1) Nonemergency incident response and ambulance transport with basic life support services.
- (2) Emergency incident response and ambulance transport with basic life support services.
- (3) Nonemergency incident response and ambulance transport with advanced life support Level 1 services.
- (4) Emergency incident response and ambulance transport with advanced life support Level 1 services.
- (5) Emergency incident response and ambulance transport with advanced life support Level 2 services.
- (6) Emergency incident response and ambulance transport with specialty care transport services.
- (7) The fee for ground transport mileage shall be as set forth in appendix A to this Code per loaded mile in addition to the service charges set out in subsections (1) through (6) of this section.
- (8) Emergency incident response and patient assessment with a medical assessment and/or treatment performed but no transport to a health care facility.
- (9) Emergency incident response with a medical assessment and/or treatment performed where the patient is determined to be deceased at the scene by a medical provider. This fee shall only apply if the Informed Consent to Refuse EMS Care form indicates (a) Patient Treated and Refused Transport or (b) Patient Refused Care, but an Assessment completed.
- (10) Patient care reports.

5. That a new Section 13-75 be adopted and added to the Code of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia (2006) as follows:

Sec. 13-75. Exemption for City employees or auxiliaries in certain instances.

No fee under Section 13-74 shall be imposed on any City of Portsmouth employee or any City of Portsmouth auxiliary officer or other first responder meeting the

definition of employee under Code of Virginia, § 65.2-101(l) for any work-related illness or injury compensable under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act.

6. That the fees set out in Appendix A of the Code of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia (2006) be amended as follows:

<i>Code Section</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Fee</i>
13-35	Commercial Inspections	10.00
	Response to third or more fire alarms within two weeks	20.00
	Plans review	10.00
13-74	Ambulance services fees:	
13-74(1)	Nonemergency incident response and ambulance transport with basic life support services	290.38
13-74(2)	Emergency incident response and ambulance transport with basic life support services	464.61
13-74(3)	Nonemergency incident response and ambulance transport with advanced life support Level 1 services	348.46
13-74(4)	Emergency incident response and ambulance transport with advanced life support Level 1 services	551.73
13-74(5)	Emergency incident response and ambulance transport with advanced life support Level 2 services	798.56
13-74(6)	Emergency incident response and ambulance transport with specialty care transport services	943.75
13-74(7)	The fee for ground transport mileage shall be \$9.45 per loaded mile in addition to the service charges set out in subsections (1) through (6) of this section.	
13-74(8)	Emergency incident response and patient assessment with a medical assessment and/or treatment performed but no transport to a health care facility.	125.00
13-74(9)	Emergency incident response and patient assessment with a medical assessment and/or treatment performed where the patient is determined to be deceased at the scene by a medical	75.00

provider.

13-74(10)	Patient care reports	10.00
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13-86	Charge for copy of fire report, each	10.00
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7. That this ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, at a meeting held on May 12, 2015.

Teste:

City Clerk