

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING APPENDIX D "SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES, CHARGES, DEPOSITS, BOND AND INSURANCE AMOUNTS" OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY CODE TO ADD FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE RECORDS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, on October 1, 2024, the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department ("FVFD") will transfer its Emergency Medical Service operations to the City of Friendswood; and

WHEREAS, such transfer will include all medical records maintained by the FVFD whereby persons desiring medical records of the FVFD and the City will be processed by the City; and

WHEREAS, in order to recover a portion of the cost of providing such records to those who have a right of access to the same, the City Council deems it necessary to include in its fee schedule the cost of providing medical records as set forth in this ordinance; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That the facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. That the schedule of fees in Appendix D "Schedule of Fees, Rates, Charges, Deposits, Bond and Insurance Amounts" of the Friendswood City Code is hereby amended to add fees for emergency medical service records, which fees shall be set as follows:

**APPENDIX D. SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES, CHARGES, DEPOSITS, BOND AND INSURANCE AMOUNTS**

The schedule of fees for the city is printed herein and such fees are required in the section of the Code of Ordinances referenced. These fees should be checked against ordinances and resolutions on file in city hall; any conflict should be resolved in favor of the most recent applicable ordinance or resolution pertaining to a specific fee or charge.

Description	Amount	Code Section
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<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>		
(1) Services		
a. Advanced Life Support (ALS) Transport	\$1,300.00	
b. Advanced Life Support (ALS) - 2 Transport	\$1,500.00	
c. Basic Life Support (BLS) Transport	\$1,200.00	
d. Advanced Life Support (ALS) Disposables (Flat Rate)	\$400.00	
e. Basic Life Support (BLS) Disposables (Flat Rate)	\$200.00	
f. Oxygen	\$125.00	
g. Specialty Care Transport (SCT)	\$1,883.00	

Description	Amount	Code Section
h. Treat No Transport (TNT)	\$250.00	
i. Ground Mileage (per mile)	\$23.00	
(2) EMS Records – Paper Copies (Patients)	N/C	
(3) EMS Records – Paper Copies (Non-Patients)		
a. First 15 pages (flat fee)	\$20.00	
b. Pages 16 to 20 (per page)	\$1.00	
c. Pages 20 to 400 (per page)	\$0.50	
d. Pages 401 and up (per page)	\$0.25	
e. Mailing, shipping or delivering	Actual Cost	
(4) EMS Records – Digital or Electronic Medium		
a. 500 pages or less	\$25.00	
b. More than 500 pages	\$50.00	
c. Mailing, shipping or delivering	Actual Cost	
(5) Miscellaneous Other Fees		
a. Affidavit or Certification	\$5.00	
b. Written responses to a written set of questions (per set)	\$10.00	

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

Section 4. In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

Section 5. The City Secretary shall give notice of the enactment of this ordinance by promptly publishing the caption of this ordinance after final passage in the official newspaper of the City.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective from and after its date of final adoption and its publication, as provided by law.

INTRODUCED, READ AND PASSED on first reading by the affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Friendswood on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

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MIKE FOREMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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LETICIA BRYSCH, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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KAREN L. HORNER, City Attorney

INTRODUCED, READ AND PASSED on second and final reading by the affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Friendswood on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:

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MIKE FOREMAN, Mayor

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LETICIA BRYSCH, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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KAREN L. HORNER City Attorney