

**ORDINANCE No. 2018-41**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TX., CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, APPENDIX A - ARTICLE A10.000 “EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES”; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Leon Valley Emergency Medical Services (LVEMS) has not raised rates in 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the current fee structure is no longer a compatible billing structure with many insurance companies; and

**WHEREAS**, LVEMS is among the lowest fees in the region and does not support the rising cost of EMS supplies and services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to increase EMS fees to be compatible with regional EMS providers, insurance services and to support the needs of the EMS; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now the desire of City Council to amend Appendix A Fee Schedule, Section A10.000 Emergency Medical Services Fees and the Codified Leon Valley City Code of Ordinances.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The Codified City Code, Appendix A Fee Schedule, Section A10.000 Emergency Medical Services Fees is hereby amended as follows:

1. Appendix A of the Leon Valley Code “Fee Schedule”, - Article A10.000, “Emergency Medical Services Fees” is entirely deleted and replaced with the following language:

“Article A10.000      EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES

**EMS FEES**

(a) Payment for transport to an area hospital:

- (1) Basic Life Support: \$900.00.
- (2) Advanced Life Support 1 Response: \$950.00.
- (3) Advanced Life Support 2 Response: \$950.00.

- (b) Surcharge for transport of nonresidents: \$100.00.
- (c) Payment for aid rendered only:
  - (1) City resident: \$150.00.
  - (2) Nonresident: \$200.00.
- (d) Payment for ALS or BLS mileage (per loaded transport mile):
  - (1) City resident: \$18.00.
  - (2) Nonresident: \$18.00.
- (e) Payment for additional medics:
  - (1) Extra attendant (priority 1 patient or CPR): \$120.00.
  - (2) Extra attendant (weight 300+ lb. patient): \$100.00.
  - (3) Extra attendant (stairs): \$100.00.
- (f) Payment for Supplies:
  - (1) Advanced Life Support (ALS) Disposables: \$375
  - (2) Basic Life Support (BLS) Disposables: \$250
  - (3) Oxygen: \$125

(g) Definitions:

Aid rendered only. The patient received assessment and/or treatment for an illness or injury and the patient refuses transport to a hospital. "Aid rendered only" is synonymous with "treatment - no transport." If ALS supplies, IV supplies or medications are used during treatment, these are charged to the patient in addition to the aid rendered only charge. A patient assessment requires measurement and documentation of at least two vital signs (pulse, respiration, blood pressure, etc.).

ALS 1 emergency transport. Transportation by ground ambulance vehicle, medically necessary supplies and services and either an advanced life support (ALS) assessment by ALS personnel or the provision of at least one ALS intervention. EMT-intermediate scope includes (but not limited to):

- (1) Administration of IV fluids (except blood or blood products).
- (2) Peripheral venous puncture.
- (3) Blood drawing.
- (4) Monitoring IV solutions during transport that contain potassium.
- (5) Administration of approved medications, IV, sub Q, sublingual, nebulizer, inhalation, IM.

ALS 2 emergency transport. Transportation either by ground ambulance vehicle, medically necessary supplies and services, and the administration of at least three medications by intravenous push/bolus or by continuous infusion excluding crystalloids

(hypotonic, isotonic and hypertonic solutions) such as dextrose, normal saline or Ringer's lactate; or transportation, medically necessary supplies and services, and the provision of at least one of the following ALS procedures:

- (1) Manual defibrillation/cardioversion.
- (2) Endotracheal intubation.
- (3) Central venous line.
- (4) Cardiac pacing.
- (5) Chest compression.
- (6) Surgical airway.
- (7) Intraosseous line.

Note: Aspirin and oxygen do not qualify as an ALS 2 level transport. However, three separate administrations of the same acceptable medication during a single transport does qualify for payment at the ALS 2 level of service.

ALS routine disposable supplies. Include (but are not limited to) EKG paper, EKG electrodes (excluding defibrillation pads), NG tubes, syringes (excluding medications and pre-filled syringes, vials or ampules), blood glucose test strips, disposable pressure infusers, lancets, filter needles and similar items.

BLS emergency transport. Transportation by ground ambulance vehicle, and medically necessary supplies and services at the basic life support care level (emergency medical technician-basic).

Loaded transport mile. The total miles traveled from the place where the patient is loaded on board the ambulance to the hospital.”

**SECTION 2.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any other remaining phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** The repeal of any Ordinance or part of Ordinances effectuated by the enactment of this Ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such Ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the municipality under any section or provisions at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.


**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Leon Valley this the 15th day of May 2018.

**APPROVED**

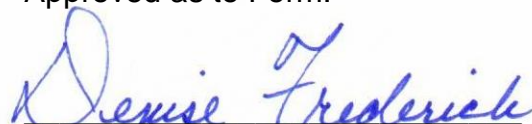
  
**CHRIS RILEY**  
MAYOR



Attest:

  
**SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC**  
City Secretary

Approved as to Form:

  
**DENISE FREDERICK**  
City Attorney