

City of Willoughby Hills

Interoffice Memo

Date: May 30, 2017

To: Council President Fellows, Council Clerk Savage and Council Members

From: Robert M. Weger, Mayor/Safety Director *R. Weger*

Subject: Ordinance to Amend 141.05 Emergency Call Fees

I respectfully request an Ordinance for the June 8, 2017, Council meeting for the amendment of Codified Ordinance 141.05 Emergency Call Fees. The purpose of this amendment is to increase the ambulance billing fees as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
ALS2	\$700.00	\$900.00
ALS1	\$650.00	\$800.00
BLS	\$550.00	\$700.00
Mileage	\$12.00	\$14.00

Acting Fire Chief Heller has provided me with an analysis which shows the current fees charged by area fire departments, which were compiled by the attached "Wickliffe EMS Provider Rate Survey – April 2017." With this fee increase, we will be in line with other area departments and still be able to maximize our reimbursement from insurance carriers.

Thank you.

Cc: Acting Fire Chief Heller
Finance Director Brichacek
Law Director Lobe

Wickliffe EMS Provider Rate Survey - April 2017

City	BLS	ALS 1	ALS 2	Mileage
Chester Twp.	\$599.55	\$710.85	\$1,030.05	\$12.15
Concord	\$550.00	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$14.00
Eastlake	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$17.00
Euclid	\$450.00	\$550.00	\$700.00	\$10.00
Fairport	\$650.00	\$850.00	\$950.00	\$14.00
Grand River	\$650.00	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$14.00
Highland Hts	\$550.00	\$650.00	\$750.00	\$12.00
Kirtland	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$14.00
Leroy	\$650.00	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$14.00
Lyndhurst	\$550.00	\$650.00	\$700.00	\$10.00
Madison	\$650.00	\$875.00	\$975.00	\$18.00
Mayfield Hts	\$550.00	\$650.00	\$750.00	\$12.00
Mayfield Village	\$450.00	\$650.00	\$750.00	\$10.00
Mentor	\$550.00	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$14.00
Mentor ot Lake	\$650.00	\$850.00	\$950.00	\$14.00
Munson Twp	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$1,150.00	\$15.00
Paines. Twp	\$650.00	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$14.00
Painesville	\$943.00	\$943.00	\$943.00	\$14.19
Perry	\$550.00	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$14.00
Richmond Heights	\$550.00	\$650.00	\$750.00	\$12.00
Wickliffe	\$675.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$14.00
Will Hills	\$550.00	\$650.00	\$700.00	\$12.00
Willoughby	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$14.00
Willowick	\$450.00	\$550.00	\$700.00	\$10.00
Average	\$629.90	\$753.29	\$862.42	\$13.26

\$700 \$800 \$900 \$14

141.05 EMERGENCY CALL FEES.

(a) Resident Ambulance Service. The City will provide ambulance and emergency rescue squad services to residents and the City shall only bill residents of Willoughby Hills and Waite Hill and their insurers, including the Federal Health Care Programs of Medicare and Medicaid, for the services provided but only to the extent of their insurance coverage, i.e. there will be no out of pocket costs to the residents of the City or the residents of the Village of Waite Hill. The City shall treat the revenues received from Waite Hill contract payments and Willoughby Hills' local taxes as payment of any of other applicable co-payments and deductibles that would otherwise be due from the residents of the City of Willoughby Hills and the Village of Waite Hill.

(b) Non-Resident Ambulance Service. The City of Willoughby Hills is hereby authorized to charge nonresidents who receive emergency medical and rescue squad services from the Willoughby Hills Fire Department the usual, reasonable and customary fees that can be charged for such services. Usual, reasonable and customary fees are defined as the fees established by the Medicare operations insurance carrier for the Medicare locality area three, as revised from time to time.

(c) Non-Resident Fire and Rescue & Special Services. Whenever the City of Willoughby Hills Department of Public Safety, Division Fire or Division of Police responds to a motor vehicle crash, motor vehicle fire, hazardous materials incident, technical rescue or structure fire, and fire alarms or other emergency service, either inside or outside the fire district response area, the fee structure listed in Sub-Section (d) shall apply and be billed to non-residents and their insurers for the services provided. (Ord. 2006-29. Passed 6-13-06.)

(d) Fees.

ALS2	\$700.00
ALS	\$650.00
BLS	\$550.00
Mileage	\$ 12.00

Scene Safety, Traffic Control and Investigation	\$435.00
Extinguishment, Clean-up, Scene Safety, Traffic Control, plus materials	\$495.00
Vehicle Extrications, Extinguishment, Clean up, Scene Safety, Traffic Control, Materials	\$1,800.00
Landing Zone, Vehicle Extrications, Extinguishment, Clean-up, Scene Safety Investigation, Traffic Control, Materials	\$2,100.00

(Ord. 2015-27. Passed 7-9-15.)

(e) The Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with a company that will provide electronic claims filing systems for the purpose of collecting insurance proceeds indicated in subsection (d) hereof or as modified thereafter.

(f) The Mayor and the Finance Director are authorized to establish guidelines and procedures to assist the indigent and the financially needy that are unable to pay for emergency services. (Ord. 2006-29. Passed 6-13-06.)

(g) The funds collected pursuant to this Section shall be disbursed as follows:

(1) Such part thereof necessary to defray all expenses of collection shall be paid.

(2) The balance remaining after such payment shall be deposited in the Fire

Department Capital Improvement fund in the following manner:

A. Non-resident ambulance fees shall be deposited into the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund No. 441 and shall be pledged to retire the bonds issued in November of 2001 to renovate the Fire Station. Any revenue from non-resident ambulance fees in excess of the amount needed to fully finance the 2001 Fire Station Improvement Bond debt service shall be credited to the Fire Department Property, Plant and Equipment Capital Fund No. 444.

B. Resident ambulance fees for residents of the City of Willoughby Hills and the Village of Waite Hill shall be deposited into the Fire Levy Fund No. 240.

C. Proceeds from the billing of motor vehicle accidents shall be deposited into Fund No. 444, and shall be used to assist in the retirement of the bond issued in January of 2005 for the purchase of a new Aerial Platform. (Ord. 2016-8. Passed 2-25-16.)

