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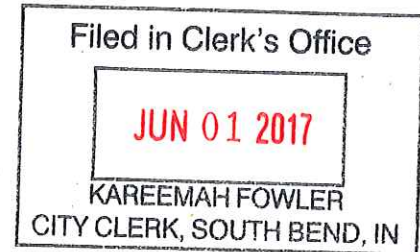
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SOUTH BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT

STEPHEN F. COX
FIRE CHIEF

May 31, 2017

Common Council
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South Bend, IN 46601



Introduction:

As stated in City Ordinance No. 9887-08, regarding the City of South Bend Fire Department's Ambulance/Medical User Fees, per Section 9-18, Annual Review of User Fees by the Common Council, the South Bend Fire Department has prepared the following report to be filed with the office of the City Clerk on or before June 1st, 2017.

What follows is a summary of 2016 ambulance/medical service activity by amount billed, amount collected, amount in collection, number of lawsuits filed, and recommendations with regard to fee amounts.

Ambulance Runs by Unit:

From January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 the five city ambulance units responded to 16,362 calls for service. This includes transports to the hospital, fires, refusals of treatment, etc. The following chart list calls per ambulance:

Medic Unit	Number of Calls
Medic 1	2814
Medic 2	3916
Medic 3	3479
Medic 4	3457
Medic 5	3360
Total	17026

Ambulance Runs by Type:

The following chart includes all billable calls made by Department ambulances and total billable mileages:

Type of Run	# of Runs		Total Calls by Type
	Resident	Non-Resident	
(1) Basic Life Support (BLS Non-Emergency)	11	0	11
(2) Basic Life Support (BLS Emergency)	4085	526	4611
(3) Advanced Life Support (ALS Non-Emergency)	0	0	0
(4) Advanced Life Support (ALS-1 Emergency)	5891	749	6640
(5) Advanced Life Support (ALS-2 Emergency)	66	15	81
(8) Non Transport ALS Medical Call	91	3	94
Totals	10144	1293	11437
BLS Mileage			19116
ALS Mileage			42629
Total Mileage			61745

Amounts Billed and Collected:

As of December 31st the following amounts have been billed:

2016	Amount
Amount billed	\$ 7,535,858.56
Amount collected	\$ 3,304,557.93
Amount in collections (Krisor Account Services)	\$ 89,085.49
Amount in collections (City Legal Dept.)	\$ 2,280.68
Number of Lawsuits brought	5

2017 Ambulance User Fee Recommendation:

South Bend Ordinance No. 9877-08 requires the Fire Department to issue an annual recommendation with regards to ambulance user fees. The current fees set by this ordinance were calculated from the 2016 Medicare Fee Schedule. The fees are 150% of the allowable reimbursement set by Medicare. The proposed fees have been calculated using 2017 allowable rates at 160%. This multiplier is being used this year as costs increased due to a 2% salary raise per the CBA and increased medical supply costs. Also, in an effort to keep costs reasonable and customary, comparisons have been made with other Indiana communities. South Bend's user fees are typically among the lowest in the state.

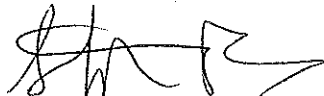
Medicare typically adjusts its fee schedule annually. Most often, this will result in an increase in reimbursable amounts. After the rate increase that took effect in 2016, there were modest increases in the allowable reimbursement by Medicare. In 2017 the rates remain flat.

I am recommending increasing our fees as follows:

Call Type	Current	Current	Proposed	Proposed
	Resident	Non-Res	Resident	Non-Resident
(1) Basic Life Support (BLS Non Emergency)	\$ 322.19	\$ 428.51	\$ 342.46	\$ 455.48
(2) BLS Life Support (BLS Emergency)	\$ 515.49	\$ 685.60	\$ 547.94	\$ 728.75
(3) Advanced Life Support (ALS Non Emergency)	\$ 386.63	\$ 514.21	\$ 410.96	\$ 546.58
(4) Advanced Life Support (ALS-1 Emergency)	\$ 612.15	\$ 814.16	\$ 650.67	\$ 865.39
(5) Advanced Life Support ALS-2 Emergency)	\$ 886.01	\$ 1,178.39	\$ 941.78	\$ 1,252.56
(6) Mileage, Basic (With in city limits, per patient miles, min 1 mile)	\$ 12.66	\$ 12.66	\$ 12.66	\$ 12.66
(7) Mileage, Rural (Per patient miles, minimum 1mile)	\$ 19.16	\$ 19.16	\$ 19.16	\$ 19.16
(8) Non Transport ALS Medical Call	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00
Specialized Care AO434	\$ 1,047.09	\$ 1,392.63	\$ 1,113.01	\$ 1,480.30

I would be happy to discuss any items in this report, and the pursuit of the language changes outlined above.

Sincerely,



Chief Cox

Code	Narrative	Medicare 2015	Medicare 2017	Carmel 17-Jan	Nobelsville Dec-14	Fishers Jan-15	Westfield Dec-14	Marion County		Pike Dec-14	Brownsburg Dec-14		Avon Dec-14	Witham	ZFD
								Dec-14	Dec-14						
BLS Emer.	A0429R Resident	341.70	345.26	489.25	475.00	445.50	425.00	1,230.00	1,230.00	1,230.00	1,230.00	455.00	565.00	400.00	
	A0429NR Non Resident	341.70	345.26	689.25	575.00	1,200.00	625.00	1,230.00	1,230.00	1,230.00	1,230.00	755.00	565.00	450.00	
ALS Emer.	A0427R Resident	405.77	409.99	592.25	575.00	566.50	525.00	1,480.00	1,480.00	1,480.00	1,480.00	555.00	1,349.00	475.00	
	A0427NR Non Resident	405.77	409.99	792.25	675.00	1,700.00	725.00	1,480.00	1,480.00	1,480.00	1,480.00	955.00	1,349.00	525.00	
ALS2 Emer.	A0433R Resident	587.29	593.41	721.00	700.00	630.00	655.00	1,770.00	1,770.00	1,770.00	1,770.00	655.00	1,349.00	575.00	
	A0433NR Non Resident	587.29	593.41	921.00	800.00	1,900.00	856.00	1,770.00	1,770.00	1,480.00	1,770.00	1,100.00	1,349.00	625.00	
ALS SOR	A0998R Resident	N/A	N/A	386.25		418.00	700.00	-	-		50.00	55.00	-	250.00	
	A0998RH Non Resident	N/A	N/A	386.25		1,000.00	900.00	-	-		100.00	55.00	-	300.00	
Mileage	A0425R Resident	7.27	7.29	12.36	11.00	25.00	12.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		9.00	24.00	10.00	
	A0425NR Non Resident	7.27	7.29											10.00	

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TRAA RATE SHEET

	<u>Jan-17</u>
ALS Emergency Base - CITY (P1,2,6)	\$1,421.00
BLS Emergency Base - CITY (P3,4,7)	\$1,137.00
ALS Emergency Base - COUNTY (P1,2,6)	\$1,400.00
BLS Emergency Base - COUNTY (P3,4,7)	\$1,137.00
Emergency Mileage	\$17.00
Non-Emergency Mileage	\$17.00
County ALS	\$1,400.00
County BLS	\$1,137.00
No Haul	\$394.00
Mutual Aid P1	\$1,400.00
Mutual Aid P2	\$1,400.00