

ORDINANCE NO. 709-2007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DRY RIDGE, GRANT COUNTY, KENTUCKY, SETTING, FIXING, AND ESTABLISHING TARIFFS, RATES, SERVICE FEES, AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF DRY RIDGE'S FIRE DEPARTMENT'S AMBULANCE SERVICE.

WHEREAS, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") has issued a rule which has been in a transition period taking into account the National/Regional fee schedule amount blended with a provider's reasonable charge. Although the percentages for the blended rate during the transition period were calculated, in part, by geographic location, beginning January 2006, the Medicare allowable have been based solely on the National/Regional Fee Schedule Amount.

WHEREAS, the "CMS" admittedly did not take into account over the past 4 years the cost of inflation, including, but not limited to, the increase in the price of gasoline, which created a significant increase in the industry standards for ambulance base rates across the country.

WHEREAS, it is desired that the billing rates be adjusted to fully reflect appropriate cost and other factors as reflected in the rule promulgated by the "CMS" as hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF DRY RIDGE, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL ARTICLE

The following rates and charges for ambulance services shall apply to the ambulance service operated by the City of Dry Ridge, Kentucky, effective March 19, 2007, with such listed service rates being increased by five percent (5%) on the first day of January of each successive year beginning January 1, 2008.

PATIENT RATE SCHEDULES

(1) The Commissioner of Finance or delegate shall collect fees for life support services, whenever transportation is furnished by the emergency medical treatment unit of the division of fire and emergency services, as follows:

(a) Basic Life Support-Non Emergency (per patient, per trip): \$551.00 for response, evaluation, and transport.

BLS services include those as defined in the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint. These services include care provided by certified or licensed emergency medical personnel at the EMT-B level where the response is not initiated as an emergency.

(b) Base Life Support-Emergency (per patient, per trip): \$656.00 for response , evaluation and transport.

BLS-Emergency Services include those defined in the National RMS Education and Practice Blueprint. These services include care provided by certified or licensed emergency medical personnel at the EMT-B level or higher where the response is initiated as an emergency.

(c) Advanced Life Support-Non Emergency (per patient, per trip): \$683.00 for response, evaluation, and transport.

ALS services include those defined in the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint. These services include assessment and care provided by certified or licensed emergency medical personnel at the paramedic level where the response is not initiated as an emergency.

(d) Advanced Life Support- Level 1 Emergency (per patient, Per trip): \$893.00 for response, evaluation and transport.

ALS-Level 1 Emergency services include those defined in the National EMS Educational and Practice Blueprint. These services include assessment by certified or licensed emergency medical personnel at the Paramedic level and the furnishing of one or more ALS interventions where the response is initiated as an emergency.

(e) Advanced Life Support- Level 2 Emergency (per patient, per trip): \$900.00 for response, evaluation, and transport.

ALS-Level 2 services include those as defined in the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint. These services include assessment by certified or licensed emergency medical personnel at the Paramedic level and the administration of at least three different and/or the provision of one or more of the following ALS procedures:

- Manual defibrillation/cardioversion
- Endotracheal intubation
- Central venous line
- Cardiac pacing
- Chest Decompression
- Surgical airway
- Introsseous line

- (f) Specialty Care Transport (SCT) (per patient, per trip): \$950.00 for response, evaluation, and transport.

Specialty Care - services include those as defined in the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint. Hospital to Hospital transportation of a critically injured or ill beneficiary by a ground ambulance vehicle, including the provision of medically necessary supplies and services, at a level of service beyond the scope of the EMT-Paramedic. SCT is necessary when a beneficiary's condition requires ongoing care that must be furnished by one or more health professionals in an appropriated specialty area, for example, emergency or critical care nursing, emergency medicine, respiratory care, cardiovascular care, or a paramedic with additional training.

- (2) In addition to the fee collected under subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner of finance shall collect a fee of ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50) per mile of patient transportation furnished by the emergency medical treatment unit of the division of fire and emergency services plus the mileage and other charges specific set forth in the following schedule:

DRY RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMS 2007 RATE SCHEDULE

<u>HCPCS Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
A0425	MILEAGE	\$ 12.70
A0428	BASE RATE, BLS	\$ 551.00
A0429	BASE RATE, BLS, E-RESPONSE	\$ 656.00
A0426	BASE RATE, ALS1	\$ 683.00
A0427	BASE RATE, ALS1, E-RESPONSE	\$ 893.00
A0433	BASE RATE, ALS2	\$ 900.00
A0434	BASE RATE, SPECIALTY CARE	\$ 950.00
A0428	RETURN TRIP	\$ 551.00
A0422	OXYGEN	\$ 50.00

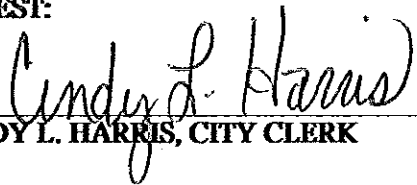
This ordinance shall become operable and be in full force and effect when passed, ordained, approved, ordered published, and published according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED, ORDAINED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED ON THIS THE
19th DAY OF March, 2007.



CLAY CRUPPER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CINDY L. HARRIS, CITY CLERK