

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-320 IN ORDER TO REVISE THE FEES FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION, AND TO INCLUDE FEES FOR NON-TRANSPORT TREATMENT SERVICES, BY THE HOLLYWOOD FIRE RESCUE AND BEACH SAFETY DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the national fee schedule requires Medicare to base payment on the level of ambulance service required to treat the patient's condition which results in insurance companies and providers revising their reimbursement schedule for ambulance transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood Fire Rescue and Beach Safety Department ("Department") provides three distinct levels of ambulance transportation service recognized by the Health Care Financing Administration; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2010, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. R-2010-320 revising the fee schedule related to the fees for emergency ambulance transportation; and

WHEREAS, during response calls for Emergency Transportation Services, individuals may refuse ambulance transport but have received treatment and assistance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed increase in the emergency ambulance transportation fee and additional fees for non-transport patient treatment or assistance, are needed to offset the administration and operational costs incurred by the Fire Rescue and Beach Safety Department to most effectively treat patients including the purchase of medical equipment, technology and medications; and

WHEREAS, the Department's call for emergency ambulance transport services in 2015 was 26,640 and the neighboring cities calls range from 1,152 to 36,372; and

WHEREAS, staff has surveyed surrounding municipal jurisdictions to obtain the prevailing emergency medical service fees in the respective jurisdiction and have found that several neighboring cities assess fees as ranging as follows: (1) for BLS: \$489.32 to \$1,000.00; (2) for ALS 1: \$552.00 to \$1,000.00; (3) for ALS 2: from \$680.00 to \$1,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Rescue and Beach Safety Department is recommending to the City Commission that fees for emergency ambulance transportation and non-

transport treatment services by the City of Hollywood Fire Rescue and Beach Safety Department be revised and set forth in accordance with the regulations of the Health Care Financing Administration; and

WHEREAS, by revising ambulance transport fees and adding fees for non-transport treatment, said fees will be consistent with industry standards and surrounding agencies, and the City of Hollywood Fire Rescue and Beach Safety Department will be able to offset expenditures and continue to provide the highest level of emergency service; and

WHEREAS, by assessing individuals who utilize the emergency medical ambulance transport services inclusive of non-transport treatment services, taxpayers who may not use the service are relieved of an increasing financial burden;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: The Hollywood Fire Rescue and Beach Safety Department emergency ambulance transportation and non-transport treatment service fees are modified as follows:

A. Hollywood Resident Rates:

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| Basic Life Support (BLS): | \$750.00 | <u>\$ 800.00</u> |
| Advanced Life Support Level 1 (ALS 1): | \$750.00 | <u>\$ 800.00</u> |
| Advanced Life Support Level 2 (ALS 2): | \$850.00 | <u>\$ 880.00</u> |
| Mileage Fee | \$12.00 | \$ 12.00 |
| <u>Oxygen Fee</u> | | <u>\$ 24.00</u> |
| <u>Non-Transported Patient Treatment or Assist</u> | | <u>\$ 160.00</u> |

* In order to receive the above resident rates, the individual will be required to provide one of the following:

Valid Photo ID with Hollywood Address and matching patient information; or Valid Vehicle Registration with Hollywood Address and matching patient information; or Recent Utility Bill with Hollywood Address and matching patient information.

B. Non-Resident Rates:

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| <u>Basic Life Support (BLS):</u> | <u>\$1000.00</u> |
| <u>Advanced Life Support Level 1 (ALS 1):</u> | <u>\$1000.00</u> |
| <u>Advanced Life Support Level 2 (ALS 2):</u> | <u>\$1100.00</u> |
| <u>Mileage Fee</u> | <u>\$ 15.00</u> |
| <u>Oxygen Fee</u> | <u>\$ 30.00</u> |
| <u>Non-Transported Patient Treatment or Assist</u> | <u>\$ 200.00</u> |

Section 2: That all fees established by Resolution No. R-2010-320, as amended by this and future resolutions, shall be further amended on each October 1, starting in 2017, by the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale Metropolitan Area as of the previous June.

Section 3: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect on October 1, 2016.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

PETER BOBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
for the use and reliance of the
City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

JEFFREY P. SHEFFEL, CITY ATTORNEY