

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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RESOLUTION
AFFIRMING LODI
AMBULANCE
SERVICE RATES
ADOPTED

Agenda item K-1 - "Request of Lodi Ambulance Service for a rate modification effective March 1, 1985" was introduced by Staff. Council was reminded that the following letter had been received from the Lodi Ambulance Service setting forth the proposed new rate schedule.

"This is to notify the City of Lodi of a rate modification we plan to implement as of March 1, 1985.

Mainly due to the Federal Health Care Finance Administration change in the billing policies of December, 1982, we are going to change all patient billing for Emergency Advanced Life Support or Emergency Basic Life Support, to an All-Inclusive Base Rate. Currently, Blue Cross and Blue Shield have requested us to bill in this manner, and other insurances will be following suit in the near future. Approximately 54% of all patients currently billed by this company are billed by using an All-Inclusive Base Rate. To standardize our billing procedure system, we feel it is important to adopt this policy.

The Basic Emergency Ambulance rate is currently \$137.00. This rate includes \$107.00 Base Rate, \$30.00 Emergency Rate. Advanced Life Support Base Rate averages out to \$259.45, which usually includes Base Rate \$107.00, Emergency Rate \$30.00, Advanced Life Support \$55.00, EKG \$40.00, Telemetry \$20.00, and miscellaneous ancillary charges. We will increase the Advanced Life Support rate to Medicare's maximum allowance of \$272.00. This is a 6% increase we feel necessary to cover costs for advanced medical care. Please note that our Advanced Life Support rate has not been increased since June of 1982.

We will be eliminating the Advanced Life Support charges of Telemetry, EKG, Heart/Lung Resuscitator, Resuscitator, Endotracheal Intubation, Medical Anti-Shock Trousers, Needle Thoracotomy, Needle Cricotracheotomy and Waiting Time.

Our basic ambulance rate of \$107.00 will be decreased to \$95.00 - an 11% decrease. We feel that it is necessary to decrease this basic rate for the convenience of our users, as the cost of basic medical transportation is not as expensive as an emergency service due to the ability of our office to control and schedule these transfers.

A proposed rate schedule is included for your convenience. Should you have any questions pertaining to this change, please feel free to call me.

Respectfully yours,

s/Michael Nilssen"