ORDINANCE NO. 388 (06-28-23)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR MILL, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, MODIFYING FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICE CHARGES OF THE CITY AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 373 AN SECTION OF 40 OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR MILL CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the City of Taylor Mill last increased the rates for Fire and EMS services in November of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to have increased costs of labor, fuel, and equipment and needs to adjust the charges accordingly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR MILL, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

(Strikethrough portions are to be deleted; underlined portions are to be added as required by KRS 83A.060(3))

SECTION 1.0 - IMPOSITION OF EMS FEES

Everybody who uses any emergency medical or transportation services of the City shall, for each separate use thereof, be and they are hereby obligated to pay a fee to the City: therefore, in the amount of Six Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$675.00) for Basic Life Support (BLS) services or Eight Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$825.00) for Advanced Life Support (ALS) services Level 1 or Eight Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$875.00) for ALS services Level 2, plus \$15.00 per mile to the health care facility, plus any and all costs and expenses involved or incurred by the City for the collection of the fee hereby established, including, without limitation, court costs and reasonable attorney fees. The following rates and charges for emergency medical or transportation services shall apply to the services operated by the City of Taylor Mill, effective this date of this Ordinance, with such listed rates being increased by five percent (5%) on the first day of January of each successive year beginning January 1, 2024.

(1) Basic Life Support – Non-Emergency (per patient, per trip): \$795 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.

- (2) Base Life Support Emergency (per patient, per trip): \$958 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.
- (3) Advanced Life Support Non-Emergency (per patient, per trip): \$995 for response, evaluation, and transport. ALS services include those defined in the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint. These services included assessment and care provided by certified or licensed emergency medical personnel at the paramedic level where the response is not initiated as an emergency.
- (4) Advanced Life Support Level 1 Emergency (per patient, per trip): \$1,295 for response, evaluation and transport. ALS-Level 1 Emergency services include those defined in the National EMS Educational and Practice Blueprint. These services include an 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.
- (5) Advanced Life Support Level 2 Emergency (per patient, per trip): \$1,495 for response, evaluation, and transport. ALS-Level 2 services include those as defined in the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint. These services included 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:
 - a. Manual defibrillation/cardioversion;
 - b. Endotracheal intubation;
 - c. Central venous line
 - d. Cardiac pacing;
 - e. Chest decompression;
 - f. Surgical airway;
 - g. Intraosseous line.
- (6) Special Care Transport (SCT)(per patient, per trip): \$1,595 for response, evaluation, and transport. Specialty Care Transport 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 appropriate specialty area, for example, emergency or critical care nursing, emergency medicine, respiratory care, cardiovascular care, or a paramedic with additional training.

(7) The City of Taylor Mill shall collect a fee of \$17.50 per mile of patient transportation furnished by the emergency medical treatment unit of the Taylor Mill fire and emergency services.

City of Taylor Mill Fire Department and EMS 2023 Rate Schedule		
HCPCS Code	Charge Description	Unit Price
A0425	Mileage	<u>\$17.95</u>
A0428	Base rate, BLS (Non-Emergent)	\$795.00
A0429	Base rate, BLS, E-response	\$958.00
A0426	Base rate, ALS 1 (Non-Emergent)	\$995.00
A0427	Base rate, ALS 1, E-response	\$1,295.00
A0433	Base rate, ALS 2	\$1,495.00
A0434	Base rate, Specialty Care	\$1,595.00
A0998	BLS/ALS 1- No Transport (Treatment in Place)	\$395.00
	ALS 2 – No Transport	\$495.00

8) Five (5) refusals of service in any one (1) calendar year shall cause a \$100 nuisance fee.

SECTION 2.0 - COLLECTION AND USE OF EMS FEES

The City of Taylor Mill shall provide the collection of the fees hereby established through an independent contractor, and the fees hereby established shall be used first for the payment for the of the cost and expense of the collection of thereof, with the balance thereof deposited in the General Fund of the City for the operations of the City's emergency medical service.

SECTION 3.0 - PROVISIONS SEVERABLE

Should any section or part of any section or any provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, or for any reason, such declaration shall not invalidate, or adversely affect, the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4.0 - CONFLICTING ORDINANCES REPEALED

Ordinances 297 and 373 and all other ordinances or parts or ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5.0 - EFFECTIVE DATE

That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force when passed, published, and recorded according to the law.

SECTION 6.0 - PUBLICATION

This ordinance shall be published in summary pursuant to K.R.S. 83A.060 (9).

APPROVED

aniel L. Bell, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Kristy Webb, City Clerk First Reading: 06/14/2023 Second Reading: 06/28/2023

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