

AN ORDINANCE 2008-09-11-0777B

MODIFYING FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT; AMENDING THE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE CITY CODE TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of San Antonio to assess fees to offset the costs of providing services; and

WHEREAS, as a part of the FY2009 City budget development process, there has been identified the need to add new fees and to adjust exiting fees charged by the San Antonio Fire Department; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Subsection 11-16(q) of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 2007-10-11-1089, passed and approved by the San Antonio City Council on October 11, 2007, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Section 11-20 is hereby established in the City Code of San Antonio, Texas, and said section shall provide, in its entirety, as follows:

The fee schedules set out below for use of the San Antonio Fire Department Training Academy by outside agencies are hereby established.

Classroom and Drill Field Use Only

SAFD Instructors (if required, i.e., weekends or after hours)	\$65 per hour, per instructor
Classroom Fee (with no equipment use)	\$10 per hour
Drill Field	\$10 per hour
Classroom Fee (with AV equipment use)	\$15 per hour

Live Fire Training

Instructors (5 students per instructor, minimum 2 SAFD instructors)	\$65 per hour per instructor
Natural Gas Burn	\$100 per day
Class A Burn	\$75 per day
Student Fee	\$10 per student (10 students minimum)
Classroom Fee (if used)	\$10 per hour

Stand Alone Specialty Classes

Specialized Classes (such as ropes, extrication, wildland firefighting)	\$50 per class per student
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CPAT Testing

CPAT Certification, when done concurrent with SAFD CPAT	\$25 per person
Out of Cycle CPAT	\$400 per hour (4 hours minimum)

SECTION 4. Section 15-3 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby amended, in its entirety, as follows:

(a) The fee for the transportation (transport) of patients requiring basic life support emergency medical services is four hundred and five dollars (\$405.00) per patient plus nine dollars (\$9.00) per mile. The fee for the transportation (transport) of patients requiring advanced life support level I emergency medical services is four hundred and thirty-five (\$435.00) per patient plus nine dollars (\$9.00) per mile. The fee for the transportation (transport) of patients requiring advanced life support level II emergency medical services is five hundred and eighty-seven (\$587.00) per patient plus nine dollars (\$9.00) per mile. In addition to the transportation fee, a surcharge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) is assessed to each nonresident patient who is transported for emergency medical services. A nonresident is any person who does not permanently reside within the territorial limits of the city or who resides within the territorial limits of an adjoining incorporated city which does not have a contract with the city to provide emergency medical services.

(b) The fee for an emergency medical services call which does not require transportation (nontransport) is sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) per patient.

(c) The fee for the transportation of a deceased person to the morgue is seventy dollars (\$70.00).

(d) There is hereby established the following schedule of fees to be paid to the city by each patient who is provided or administered the listed emergency medical supplies, medications, or services, per each use:

	Per Use
(1) Albuterol	\$5.00
(2) Dextrose	5.00
(3) Epinephrine	5.00
(4) Atrophine	5.00
(5) Naloxine	5.00
(6) Normal saline	5.00
(7) Bandaging	10.00
(8) Intravenous line	10.00
(9) Oxygen and related supplies	10.00
(10) Electrocardiogram monitor and electrocardiogram related supplies	35.00
(11) Amiodarone	170.00
(12) Spinal immobilization (blocks, straps, cervical collar, and backboard)	20.00
(13) Bag valve unit mask	10.00
(14) Yellow blanket	3.00
(15) Air splint	10.00
(16) Laryngoscope blade	5.00
(17) EZ-Intraosseus (IO) needle	100.00
(18) Glucagon	80.00
(19) Analgesic Medication	10.00

SECTION 5. Section 16-3 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby amended, in its entirety, as follows:

- (a) An annual permit fee for calendar year 1991 and every subsequent calendar year is hereby imposed on every person or corporation that owns, operates, or acts as the agent for any business location where one or more hazardous materials are used, stored, transported, manufactured, generated, disposed or sold within the city, in the fee amounts and for the types of businesses or activities and for the quantities of chemical listed in table I.
- (b) Where more than one location is used by the same person, corporation or entity, a separate service fee shall be paid for each location within the city.
- (c) The annual permit fees listed in table I shall be applied based upon the maximum quantity of a hazardous material present at any one time during the preceding year; except

that each service station engaged in retail sales of fuel shall pay a flat fee of three hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$335.00) per location.

(d) The annual permit is required for each location used by the permittee, and a change of ownership of the location where the chemicals are stored, manufactured, generated, disposed of or sold shall be cause for a new permit. The change of ownership of the business or entity handling the chemicals shall be cause for a new permit.

(e) A "hazardous material response fee" shall be paid to the city fire department by the person, corporation, or entity which created the hazard or which owned the materials or chemicals and said fee shall be determined by the time required at the scene of the hazardous incident at the rate of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per hour per apparatus per incident plus any fire department personnel overtime costs, if applicable. The hourly rate shall be counted in fifteen-minute increments at the beginning of each increment. All expendable commodities used at the scene will be billed at cost to the person, corporation, or entity which created the hazard or which owned the hazardous materials or chemicals.

(f) The annual permit fees shall be due and payable 30 calendar days from date of invoice for calendar year. Payment shall be by cash, money order, or check made payable to the City of San Antonio, and payable at the City of San Antonio, Treasury Division, at 506 Dolorosa Street or by addressing the payment to the City at P.O. Box 839966, San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966.

(g) A five (5%) percent late penalty shall attach when payment is due (30 calendar days from invoice) and shall be collected and processed in the same manner as if they were part of the service fee. Said penalty may be partially or wholly waived by the city treasurer only if the delinquent payment is documented as not due to the error, oversight, or intent of the permittee.

(h) Annual hazardous materials permits shall be issued for each location operated or maintained by the permittee, and the permittee shall post said permit in a conspicuous place at each such location.

(i) Natural persons who use, store, transport, generate or dispose of hazardous materials in household consumer quantities for personal, noncommercial purposes are specifically excluded from compliance with the provisions of this section.

(1) Enforcement of this section shall be enforced by the fire prevention division and other members of the fire department duly authorized by the fire chief.

(2) Any person or corporation having any duty under subsections (a) through (i) commits an offense if they knowingly fail to comply with any provisions of this section or with any of the requirements thereof.

(3) Any persons violating any provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day upon which such a violation occurs constitutes a separate offense. Upon conviction, each violation shall be punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

SECTION 9. This ordinance shall take effect October 1, 2008.

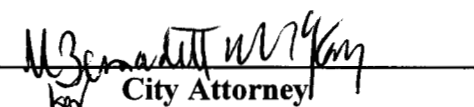
PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of September, 2008.


M A Y O R
PHIL HARDBERGER

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney