

AN ORDINANCE 2009-09-17-0731E

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

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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 FY2010 City budget development process, there has been identified the need to modify charged by the San Antonio Fire Department; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. Subsections 11-16(m) and 11-16(w) of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas are hereby amended, in their entirety, as follows:

(m) A fee of six hundred and forty-five dollars (\$645.00) shall be assessed to any individual that a fire unit of the City of San Antonio Fire Department rescues or attempts to rescue at a low-water crossing.

(w) A fee of five hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$555.00) per hour per apparatus per incident, plus any applicable fire department personnel overtime costs, is hereby established for recovery of costs associated with commercial trench/confined space rescue incidents. The hourly rate shall be prorated 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 required the trench/confined space rescue.

SECTION 2. Subsections 15-3(a) and 15-3(b) of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas are hereby amended, in their entirety, as follows:

(a) The fee for the transportation (transport) of patients requiring basic life support emergency medical services is four hundred and seventy five dollars (\$475.00) 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 five hundred and ten dollars (\$510.00) 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 six hundred and ninety dollars (\$690.00) 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 eighty dollars (\$80.00) per patient.

SECTION 3. Subsection 16-3(e) of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby amended, in its entirety, as follows:

(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 and fifty-five dollars (\$555.00) per hour per apparatus per incident, plus any applicable fire department personnel overtime costs. The hourly rate shall be prorated 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.

SECTION 4. Should any Article, Section, Part, Paragraph, Sentence, Phrase, Clause, or Word of this ordinance, for any reason be held illegal, inoperative, or invalid, or if any exception to or limitation upon any general provision herein contained be held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective, the remainder shall, nevertheless, stand effective and valid as if it had been enacted and ordained without the portion held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective.

SECTION 5. The publishers of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas are authorized to amend said Code to reflect the changes adopted herein and to correct typographical errors and to format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing code.

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SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect October 1, 2009.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of September, 2009.



**M A Y O R
JULIÁN CASTRO**

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
City Attorney