

ORDINANCE NO. 3293

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY ADDING SECTION 1-16 THEREBY ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF AMBULANCE USER FEES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 1 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, is hereby amended by adding Section 1-16 to read as follows, in all other respects said Chapter and Code to remain in full force and effect:

Section. 1-16. Ambulance user fee schedule.

The fees and charges for the transportation of persons by the City of Mesquite Fire Department paramedic ambulances are as follows:

- (1) A base rate fee of two hundred forty one (\$241.00) dollars shall be charged per patient, per trip for a resident of the City of Mesquite for transportation to a medical facility located within the city limits of the City of Mesquite by a City of Mesquite Fire Department paramedic ambulance.
- (2) A base rate fee of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars shall be charged per patient, per trip for a non-resident of the City of Mesquite for transportation to a medical facility located within the city limits of the City of Mesquite by a City of Mesquite Fire Department paramedic ambulance.
- (3) In addition to the resident or non-resident base rate fee, an additional fee of three dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$3.39) per patient-loaded mile shall be charged for transportation to a medical facility located outside the city limits of the City of Mesquite.
- (4) A charge shall be made for equipment used and supplies provided in connection with the transport of a resident or non-resident in accordance with the Schedule of Usual and Customary Charges for Equipment and Supplies. The Schedule of Usual and Customary Charges for Equipment and Supplies will also provide for the charge to be made for an extra attendant based on a medical necessity. The Emergency Medical Service Coordinator shall maintain the Schedule of Usual and Customary Charges for Equipment and Supplies at the administrative offices of the City of Mesquite.

- (5) When more than one patient of the same household is simultaneously transported in the same City of Mesquite Fire Department paramedic ambulance, the base rate fee and mileage charge for each patient will be reduced to comply with Medicare/Medicaid rules on two or more beneficiaries in the same ambulance.
- (6) The person receiving emergency ambulance service and any person contracting for the service shall be responsible for payment of the fee. In the case of service received by a minor, the parent or guardian of the minor shall be responsible for payment of the fee.

SECTION 2. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances of the City of Mesquite in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. That the fees established by this ordinance shall be effective from and after May 4, 1999.

SECTION 5. The fact that the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite are inadequate to protect the public interest, comfort and general welfare creates an urgency and an emergency and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication of said ordinance, as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1999.



Mike Anderson  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellen Williams  
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B.J. Smith  
City Attorney