

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY DELETING SECTION 1-16 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 1-16 THEREBY ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF AMBULANCE USER FEES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 deleting Section 1-16 in its entirety and adding a new Section 1-16 to read as follows, in all other respects said Chapter and Code to remain in full force and effect.

**Sec. 1-16. Ambulance user fee schedule.**

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

- (1) The base rate fees for ambulance response, including field-terminated resuscitation responses, by a City of Mesquite Fire Department paramedic ambulance are as follows:

<u>LEVEL OF CARE</u>	<u>RESIDENT/ NON-RESIDENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Base Rate	Resident	\$ 400.00
Base Rate	Non-Resident	\$ 475.00
Treatment – Non-Transport		\$ 100.00

- (2) In addition to the base rate fee the following fees will be charged:
- (a) A fee for the use of equipment, supplies, drugs and extra crew members at a rate not to exceed the amount authorized in the Schedule of Usual and Customary Charges for Equipment and Supplies maintained by the Mesquite Fire Department Emergency Medical Service Coordinator.
- (b) A mileage fee to medical facilities located outside the City of Mesquite at a rate of \$8.00 per patient-loaded mile. A mileage fee to medical facilities located inside the City of Mesquite will be charged a minimum of one mile at a rate of \$8.00. The mileage fee will be equally divided among transported patients when more than one patient is transported at the same time to the same medical facility in the same City of Mesquite paramedic ambulance.

- (3) The person receiving emergency ambulance service and for any person contracting for the service shall be responsible for payment of all fees authorized by this ordinance. In the case of service received by a minor, the parent or guardian of the minor shall be responsible for payment of the fee(s).

SECTION 2. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

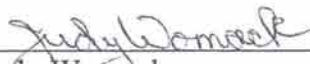
SECTION 3. That all ordinances or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed. To the extent that such ordinances or portions thereof are not in conflict herewith, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That the fees established by this ordinance shall be effective from and after October 1, 2004.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 20th day of September, 2004.

  
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Mike Anderson  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Judy Womack  
City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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B. J. Smith  
City Attorney