

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AS AMENDED, 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 THEREOF.

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, as amended, 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 and non-transport treatment, by a City of Mesquite Fire Department paramedic ambulance are as follows:

<u>LEVEL OF CARE</u>	<u>BASE RATE FEE</u>
Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$650.00
Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS1)	\$675.00
Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS2)	\$700.00
Field-Terminated Resuscitation	\$650.00
Treatment – Non-Transport	\$100.00

The BLS, ALS1 and ALS2 levels of care referred to above shall have the meanings as defined in 42 C.F.R. § 414.605, as now and hereafter amended or replaced.

- (2) In addition to the base rate fees referred to above, the following fees will be charged:
 - (a) A mileage fee to medical facilities at a rate of \$1.50 per patient loaded tenth of a mile rounded up to the nearest tenth of a mile; and
 - (b) Fees for the use of equipment, supplies and drugs will be charged at the following rates:

DISPOSABLE CHARGES

Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$45.33
Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS1)	\$103.51
Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS2)	\$103.51
Oxygen Charge	\$40.60

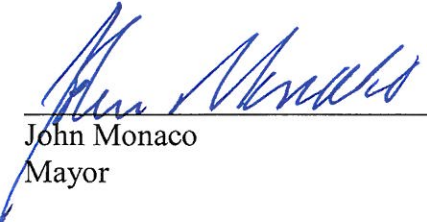
- (3) The person receiving emergency ambulance service and any person contracting for the service shall be responsible for payment of all fees authorized by this ordinance. In the case of service received by a minor, the parent or guardian of the minor shall be responsible for payment of the fee(s).

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.

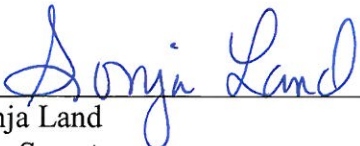
SECTION 4. That the fees established by this ordinance shall be effective immediately from and after October 15, 2012.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 15th day of October, 2012.




John Monaco
Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonja Land
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B. J. Smith
City Attorney