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## City of Alexandria, Virginia

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** MAY 5, 2021

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER /s/

**DOCKET TITLE:**

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration of an Ordinance to increase the Ambulance Service Charges by amending Article J (SERVICE CHARGES FOR CITY AMBULANCE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT RESPONSE SERVICES) to Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT).

**ISSUE:** Consideration of the proposal to implement proposed FY 2021 Ambulance Fee Increases in FY 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council adopt the attached ordinance (Attachment) as part of the FY 2022 Approved Budget on first reading and hold a second reading, public hearing and adopt the ordinance on Saturday, May 15, 2021.

**BACKGROUND:** This memorandum provides detailed information regarding a proposed Ambulance service

fee and per mile charge increase for FY 2022. These fee increases are projected to bring in an additional \$180,000 in revenue from ambulance service charges for the City in FY 2022. These fee increases were assumed in the FY 2022 adopted budget as amended by the add/delete process.

**DISCUSSION:** When a patient is transported to a hospital/medical facility, the ambulance service fee will be one of the following:

- For Basic Life Support (BLS), the current charge is \$500 Basic Life Support is the transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medical supplies and services without Advanced Life Support intervention.
- For Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS-1) the current charge is \$650 ALS-1 service is the transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services including the provision of an ALS assessment and at least one ALS intervention.
- For Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS-2) the current charge is \$800 ALS-2 service is the transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services including: (1) at least three separate administrations of one or more medications by intravenous push/bolus or by continuous infusion; or (2) ground ambulance transport and the provision of at least one advanced life-saving procedure.

In addition,

- For all transports, a charge of \$10.00 per mile is charged based on the number of miles a patient is transported to a medical facility.

Through the FY 2022 add/delete process, these service charges are proposed to increase to:

- BLS Transport from \$500 to \$600
- ALS-1 Transport from \$650 to \$780
- ALS-2 Transport from \$800 to \$900
- Ground Transport Mileage (GTM) \$10 per mile to \$12 per mile

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Increasing the Ambulance Service fees is projected to generate approximately \$180,000 in additional revenue each year. The new fees will be effective for services rendered on or after July 1, 2021.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1 - Ordinance Cover

Attachment 2 - Proposed Ordinance

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