

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH SETTING ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT,  
BASIC LIFE SUPPORT AND EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION  
FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF  
HUNTINGTON BEACH

WHEREAS, Section 8.68.070 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code provides that the City Council shall by resolution establish fees for all recipients of Advanced Life Support, Basic Life Support and Emergency Ambulance Transportation services provided by the City of Huntington Beach Fire Department; and

FireMed user fees were last revised by the City Council pursuant to Resolution No. 2012-61; and

In order to assist in defraying the cost of paramedic and ambulance services, the City Council desires to revise fees to be paid by persons who utilize or benefit from having said paramedic and ambulance services readily available; and

The fees hereinafter established do not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing paramedic and emergency ambulance services in the City of Huntington Beach for which the fees are charged,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach that the fees set forth herein below and on the attached Exhibit A are hereby established as follows:

<b><u>Voluntary FireMed Membership</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Fee</u></b>
Household	\$60.00
Low Income Household	\$30.00
Business – First three (3) employees	\$60.00
Each additional group of three employees	\$60.00

**Exemption And Reduction Of Charges**

Determination for an exemption or reduction of fees shall be made by the Fire Chief or their designee and shall be based on the following criteria:

- (a) **FireMed Membership Fees – Low Income Household:**  
Persons who wish to participate in the FireMed Membership program but are unable to pay the full membership fee because of hardship conditions

may enroll at the "Low Income Household" rate. Determination shall be based on "HUD Income Guidelines – Very Low Income Category"

**(b) User Fees – Inability to Pay:**

Persons receiving emergency medical services from the Huntington Beach Fire Department and claim an inability to pay may apply to the Fire Department for a reduction of charges. The Fire Chief will evaluate the availability of insurance, government assisted programs and total household income to determine the reduction of fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of the fees set forth in this resolution shall be on July 1, 2021. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the combining of any Fire Department ALS/BLS, ambulance transportation, medication, or supply fee for billing purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Mayor

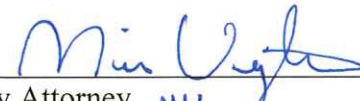
REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

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City Manager

INITIATED AND APPROVED:

  
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Fire Chief

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Attorney NW

**Exhibit A**

**Fire Department - EMS and Emergency Ambulance Service Fees**

<b>Fee Description</b>	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>Recommended Fee</b>	<b>% of Cost Recovery</b>
<b>ALS/BLS Assessment and Emergency Transport Fees</b>			
Basic Life Support (BLS) Base Rate *	\$1,130	1,655	100%
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Surcharge	100	174	100%
Non-Resident Surcharge	450	474	100%
Treat No transport Fee	350	366	100%
Mileage	\$16.54/mile	\$15.77/mile	100%
Oxygen	81	115	100%
EKG	\$60-100	64	100%

\* The BLS Base Rate previously approved with Resolution 2021-61 includes Emergency Transport Fees of \$717.07, BLS Assessment Fees of \$350, and supplies/medications (see Exhibit B).