

## **RESOLUTION No. 2011-2931**

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### **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE RATE INCREASES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2011**

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#### **RECITALS:**

1. The City of Newberg Fire Department has been operating the emergency medical services/ambulance since 1994.
2. There has been no rate increase since September, 2007. Staff has attempted to maintain rates the same for the last three (3) years. This has required using contingency funds and a reliance on donations to purchase a new ambulance.
3. The City of Newberg Fire Department offers a FireMed program (\$45.00 per year per family) to protect families from the high cost of ambulance service. FireMed guarantees no out-of-pocket expenses for doctor ordered or medically necessary ambulance transports. Since Newberg FireMed started in 1994, we have never denied a claim.
4. Increased ambulance rates are necessary to stay current with inflation, and to make up for revenue lost due to cuts mandated by the Federal Medicare Fee Schedule. Medicare Fee Schedule was phased in over a number of years beginning April 1, 2002. Virtually all urban jurisdictions in the nation are experiencing the same problem with Medicare.
5. The ambulance rate increase proposed will not replace the revenue lost from implementation of the Medicare Fee Schedule, but may lessen the overall financial impact on the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) budget.

#### **THE CITY OF NEWBERG RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Newberg City Council approves a rate increase effective March 1, 2011, to the EMS/ambulance rates, which shall be as follows:

Basic Life Support (BLS) Base Rate	\$1,200.00
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Base Rate	\$1,200.00
Hospital to Hospital Transfer (ALS & BLS)	\$1,200.00
Aid Call	\$360.00
Sit-Up Charge	\$240.00
Waiting Time	\$72.00 per ½ hour
Extra Technician	\$252.00
Mileage Rate	\$16.50 per loaded mile

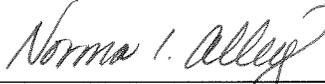
2. The Newberg City Council approves a rate increase effective March 1, 2012, to the EMS/ambulance rates, which shall be as follows:

Basic Life Support (BLS) Base Rate	\$1,440.00
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Base Rate	\$1,440.00
Hospital to Hospital Transfer (ALS & BLS)	\$1,440.00
Aid Call	\$432.00
Sit-Up Charge	\$288.00
Waiting Time	\$86.40 per ½ hour
Extra Technician	\$302.40
Mileage Rate	\$19.80 per loaded mile

3. The finance director shall review the status of the EMS fund on an annual basis. Following implementation of the above increases, if necessary, the finance director may recommend for Council consideration of an ambulance rate increase by at least the rate of inflation for the previous year.

➤ **EFFECTIVE DATE** of this resolution is the day after the adoption date, which is: February 23, 2011.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Newberg, Oregon, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2011.

  
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Norma I. Alley, City Recorder

**ATTEST** by the Mayor this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

  
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Bob Andrews, Mayor