



CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE #2024-12

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

That Chapter 38 – Emergencies - Article III – Emergency Services be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 38-85. Basic Life Support Ambulance Services Fund.

(a) The city manager is hereby authorized to impose a fee and to bill residents and others for ambulance services. Such fees will be assessed monthly and included as a general billing item, included on monthly residential and commercial utility bills. The Basic Life Support Ambulance Service Fee shall apply to all utility customers in the Robbins Hose/Dover Fire Department district boundaries.

(b) Establishment of Specialized fund.

(1) All revenues received in accordance with this Ordinance shall be deposited in the Basic Life Support Ambulance Service Fund. These funds shall be used to pay the contracted annual cost of service, and regular and necessary administrative costs for Basic Life Support Ambulance Services, including allowances for externalities and uncertainties. Funds not expended in any fiscal year shall be maintained in the fund and used in subsequent years as necessary, including establishment of self-funded services.

(2) The proceeds of the Basic Life Support Ambulance Service Fund shall be managed by the City of Dover Department of Finance, which shall regularly report the status of the fund, arrange for audit, and oversee disbursements as provided for by any contractual provisions and the city's financial management policies.

(c) **Fees** and the fee schedule will periodically be reviewed and adjusted to reflect changing costs. The fees are to be added, updated and reflected in the Rates and Tariff annual document, and such amount shall be kept in a separate, interest-earning account and shall be used only for the costs associated with Basic Life Support Ambulance Service. Is subject to the city's collection policies and procedures but is not lien-able against customers' property nor subject to the Clean Hands Ordinance. The city manager may authorize commercial collection procedures and utilize the same procedures as other outstanding fees. The Basic Life Support Ambulance Service Fee shall added to Appendix F as follows;

(1) Residential accounts shall be billed one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) monthly.

(2) Commercial accounts shall be billed six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50) monthly.

- (d) **Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance shall be determined to be invalid in whole or in part, all other provisions shall continue to be separately and fully effective

- (e) **Effective Date.** The Basic Life Support Ambulance Service Fee shall be effective on July 1, 2024.

Synopsis

This ordinance establishes the Basic Life Support Ambulance Service Fee effective on July 1, 2024. The Basic Life Support Ambulance Service Fee shall be a monthly fee applied to all utility customers in the Robbins Hose/Dover Fire Department district boundaries. These funds shall be used to pay the contracted annual cost of service, and regular and necessary administrative costs for Basic Life Support Ambulance Services, including allowances for externalities and uncertainties. The staff amendment is to change the title of Fund to Basic Life Support Ambulance Services Fund as recommended by the city's auditor. This fund would be separate from the city's general fund.

(SPONSORS: ARNDT and PILLSBURY)

ADOPTED: June 10, 2024

Action History

06/10/2024 – Public Hearing/Final Reading – City Council

05/13/2024 – First Reading with Staff Amendment #1 – City Council

04/23/2024 – Introduction at Council Committee of the Whole – Legislative, Finance, and Administration