

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: November 21, 2006

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Consent ☒ **Workshop** ☐

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Regular Public Hearing

Department

Submitted For: FIRE RESCUE

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends a motion to approve on preliminary reading and advertise for public hearing on December 19, 2006, at 9:30a.m.; in the Jane M. Thompson Memorial Chambers at 301 No. Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33401; an ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3 of the Palm Beach County Code, known as the “Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Emergency Transport Fee Ordinance”; providing for an increase in emergency transport fees; providing for repeal of laws in conflict; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the code of laws and ordinances; and providing for an effective date.

Summary: The proposed ordinance amendment provides for an increase in the emergency transport fee schedule as follows:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Basic Life Support (BLS)</u>	<u>Advanced Life Support-1 (ALS1)</u>	<u>Advanced Life Support-2 (ALS2)</u>	<u>Mileage</u>
January 1, 2007	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$610.00	\$8.00
January 1, 2008	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$630.00	\$8.50
January 1, 2009	\$490.00	\$490.00	\$650.00	\$9.00
January 1, 2010	\$510.00	\$510.00	\$670.00	\$9.50
January 1, 2011	\$530.00	\$530.00	\$690.00	\$10.00

Establishing these new rates will ensure that Fire Rescue continues to receive the Medicare maximum allowance for ground transportation services. These fees were last increased on April 1, 2004. The proposed rates are also comparable to other billing agencies within the County.

Countywide (SGB)

Background and Policy Issues: The Board of County Commissioners established emergency transport fees through the enactment of Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3 of the Palm Beach County Code. Historically, Fire-Rescue has adjusted its emergency transport fees to remain comparable with other local agency rates. On January 1 of each year, Medicare publishes a new fee schedule for ground transportation services. Adopting these rates will ensure that Fire Rescue continues to receive the Medicare maximum allowance for emergency transport services.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance
2. Local Agency Comparative Fee Schedule

Recommended By: DeLai 10-25-06
Deputy Chief Date

Approved By: Hermon Price 10-26-06
Fire-Rescue Administrator Date

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II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	<u>43,522</u>	<u>93,836</u>	<u>124,042</u>	<u>155,976</u>	<u>182,073</u>
External Revenues	<u>(707,677)</u>	<u>(1,525,779)</u>	<u>(2,016,942)</u>	<u>(2,536,202)</u>	<u>(2,960,543)</u>
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	(664,155)	(1,431,943)	(1,892,900)	(2,380,226)	(2,778,470)

ADDITIONAL FTE

POSITIONS (Cumulative)

Is Item Included in Current Budget?

Yes _____ No X

Budget Account No.: Fund 1300 Dept 440 Unit 4210 Revenue Source 4260

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

This ordinance will allow for the incremental revenues as provided above.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

James D. Smith 11-2-06
OFMB

Jim J. Jacoby 11/6/06
Contract Dev. and Control
B. Jones 11/4/06

B. Legal Sufficiency

Shawn Bunn H-8-06
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, KNOWN AS THE "PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE EMERGENCY TRANSPORT FEE ORDINANCE"; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN EMERGENCY TRANSPORT FEES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners enacted Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3 of the Palm Beach County Code, known as the "Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Emergency Transport Fee Ordinance," which established fees to be charged by Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue for the provision of transport services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to ensure the receipt of the Medicare maximum allowance for ground transport services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1. Section 13-58, paragraph (b), of Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3 of the Palm Beach County Code, is hereby amended as follows:

(b) The following fees and service charges are to be imposed:

Effective January 1, 2007:

(1)	BLS Transport Fee	\$395.00	<u>\$450.00</u>
(2)	ALS1 Transport Fee	\$395.00	<u>\$450.00</u>
(3)	ALS2 Transport Fee	\$495.00	<u>\$610.00</u>
(4)	Mileage	\$7.95 per mile	<u>\$8.00 per mile</u>

Effective January 1, 2008:

(1)	<u>BLS Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$470.00</u>
(2)	<u>ALS1 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$470.00</u>
(3)	<u>ALS2 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$630.00</u>
(4)	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>\$8.50 per mile</u>

Effective January 1, 2009:

(1)	<u>BLS Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$490.00</u>
(2)	<u>ALS1 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$490.00</u>
(3)	<u>ALS2 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$650.00</u>
(4)	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>\$9.00 per mile</u>

Effective January 1, 2010:

(1)	<u>BLS Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$510.00</u>
(2)	<u>ALS1 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$510.00</u>
(3)	<u>ALS2 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$670.00</u>
(4)	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>\$9.50 per mile</u>

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Effective January 1, 2011:

(1)	<u>BLS Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$530.00</u>
(2)	<u>ALS1 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$530.00</u>
(3)	<u>ALS2 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$690.00</u>
(4)	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>\$10.00 per mile</u>

SECTION 2. Repeal of Laws in Conflict

All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. Severability:

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is for any reason held by a Court to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. Inclusion in the Code of Laws and Ordinances:

The provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or any other appropriate word.

SECTION 6. Effective Date:

The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2007.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm

Beach County, Florida, on the _____ day of _____, 2006.

Attest:

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Addie L. Greene, Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Asst. County Attorney

Filed with the Department of State on the _____ day of _____, 2006.

LOCAL AGENCY COMPARATIVE FEE SCHEDULE*

Prepared by Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue

Last updated 10/4/2006

Agency	BLS	ALS1	ALS2	Oxygen	Miles	Comments
BOCA RATON (rates given by ADPI)	\$512.66	\$512.66	\$661.50	n/a	\$9.38	Changes automatically each FY by the CPI
DELRAY BEACH	\$435.00	\$450.00	\$570.00	n/a	\$8.66	Proposed Rate to be effective 10/2006
RIVIERA BEACH (rates given by ADPI)	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$575.00	n/a	\$8.00	Effective 1/1/06
NORTH PALM BEACH	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	n/a	\$7.00	Effective 11/03 (one flat rate for all levels of service)
PALM BEACH COUNTY (Proposed)	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$610.00	n/a	\$8.00	Proposed Effective Date 1/1/07
PALM BEACH GARDENS (rates given by ADPI)	\$375.00	\$425.00	\$495.00	\$30.00	\$8.00	Effective 10/1/05
AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE	\$359.00	\$411.00	\$419.00	\$30.00	\$7.70	Special handling for critical care transports \$50-75;
PALM BEACH	\$390.00	\$408.00	\$513.00	n/a	\$8.00	Effective 10/05
LAKE WORTH	n/a	\$400.00	\$550.00	n/a	\$6.00	Effective 2/7/06
BOYNTON BEACH	\$325.00	\$400.00	\$500.00	n/a	\$8.00	Effective 2004
PALM BEACH COUNTY (Current)	\$395.00	\$395.00	\$495.00	n/a	\$7.95	Effective 4/1/04
GREENACRES	\$395.00	\$395.00	\$495.00	n/a	\$7.95	Effective 2005
WEST PALM BEACH	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$540.00	n/a	\$8.00	Effective 2/05
TEQUESTA	\$365.00	\$365.00	\$495.00	n/a	\$6.50	Effective 2005
MEDICS AMBULANCE SERVICE	\$280.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$30.00	\$7.70	Effective 12/05
MEDICARE ALLOWABLE RATE	\$298.69	\$354.70	\$513.38	N/A	\$6.05	Effective 1/1/06
Average Rate of Agencies Surveyed:	\$393.97	\$415.12	\$508.46	\$30.00	\$7.77	

*The above rates were obtained by Fire Rescue Support Staff through communication with staff at local agencies listed.

ATTACHMENT # 2