Agenda Item#

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	December 21, 2021	[] Consent [] Workshop	[] Regular [X] Public Hearing
Department:	Fire-Rescue		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt 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"; repealing and replacing section 13-58(b) to provide for an increase in emergency transport fees; providing for recitals; providing for repeal of laws in conflict; providing for savings clause; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the code of laws and ordinances; providing for captions; and providing for an effective date.

Summary: The current fees for emergency transport services are as follows:

	Basic Life	Advanced Life	Advanced Life	
Effective Date	Support (BLS)	Suppport-1 (ALS1)	Support-2 (ALS2)	<u>Mileage</u>
January 1, 2018	\$670.00	\$670.00	\$830.00	\$13.50

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

Basic Life	Advanced Life	Advanced Life	
Support (BLS)	Suppport-1 (ALS1)	Support-2 (ALS2)	<u>Mileage</u>
\$690.00	\$690.00	\$850.00	\$14.00
\$710.00	\$710.00	\$870.00	\$14.50
\$730.00	\$730.00	\$890.00	\$15.00
	Support (BLS) \$690.00 \$710.00	Support (BLS) Support-1 (ALS1) \$690.00 \$690.00 \$710.00 \$710.00	Support (BLS) Support-1 (ALS1) Support-2 (ALS2) \$690.00 \$690.00 \$850.00 \$710.00 \$710.00 \$870.00

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 January 1, 2018. The proposed rates are comparable to other billing agencies within the County and are estimated to result in an additional \$727,183 in revenues in the first full year. Countywide (SB)

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:	Pat of my	12/14/21
-	Assistant Fire Chief	^ℓ Date
Approved by:	11/21/2	12/14/21
	Fire Rescue Administrator	(Date
Approved by:	1/1 Baker	12/16/21
	County Administrator	Date (

II. <u>FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS</u>

A. Five Year Summary	of Fiscal I	mpact:			
Fiscal Years Capital Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Operating Costs	\$25,45 <u>1</u>	\$52,043	\$79,813		
External Revenues	(\$727,183)		(\$2,280,378)		
Program Income (County)		•		-	
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>(\$701,732)</u>	(<u>\$1,434,901)</u>	(\$2,200,565)		
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative	<i>,</i>) 0				
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Is Item Included in Curren	_		Yes_X_N		
Does this item include the	use of fed	eral funds?	Yes N	o <u>X</u>	
Budget Account No.:	Fund <u>1300</u> l	Dept <u>440</u> Uni	t <u>4210</u> Reven	ue Source <u>42</u>	<u> 260</u>
B. Recommended Sou	ırces of Fui	nds/Summar	y of Fiscal Im	ıpact:	
This ordinance will allow for	r the increme	ental revenue	s as provided	above.	
C. Departmental Fisca	ıl Review:	(n !	1.000	A	
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III. <u>REVIEW COMM</u>	<u>ENTS</u>				
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B. Legal Sufficiency					
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C. Other Department I	Review:				
Department	Director				

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1 2. ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF 3 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, 4 AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3 OF 5 6 THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, KNOWN AS THE "PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE EMERGENCY 7 TRANSPORT FEE ORDINANCE"; REPEALING AND 8 9 REPLACING SECTION 13-58(b) TO PROVIDE FOR AN IN **EMERGENCY TRANSPORT** 10 INCREASE PROVIDING FOR RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL 11 OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS 12 CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING 13 FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND 14 15 ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CAPTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. 16 17 18 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners enacted Chapter 13, Article II, 19 Division 3 of the Palm Beach County Code, known as the "Palm Beach County Fire 20 Rescue Emergency Transport Fee Ordinance," which established fees to be charged by 21 Palm Beach County Fire Rescue for the provision of transport services; and 22 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to ensure the receipt of 23 the Medicare maximum allowance for ground transport services; and 24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY 25 COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that: SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals and findings are hereby confirmed and 27 incorporated herein. 28 SECTION 2. Section 13-58, paragraph (b), of Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3 of 29 the Palm Beach County Code, is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety to read as 30 follows: 31 "(b) 32 The following fees and service charges are to be imposed: 33 34 Effective January 1, 2022: (1) BLS Transport Fee \$690.00 35 (2) ALS1 Transport Fee 36 \$690.00 (3) ALS2 Transport Fee \$850.00 37 (4) Mileage \$14.00 38 39 Effective January 1, 2023: 40 (1) BLS Transport Fee \$710.00 41 (2) ALS1 Transport Fee \$710.00 (3) ALS2 Transport Fee \$870.00 43 (4) Mileage \$14.50 44

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Effective January 1, 2024:

(1) BLS Transport Fee

(2) ALS1 Transport Fee

(3) ALS2 Transport Fee

(4) Mileage

43	Filed with the Department of State on the day of, 20
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41 42	County Attorney
40	Re Bin -
38 39	LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
37	APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
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34 35	Deputy Clerk Robert S. Weinroth, Mayor
32 33	By: By: By: Robert S. Weinroth, Mayor
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31	Circuit Court & Comptroller
29 30	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Joseph Abruzzo, Clerk of the
28	Attest: PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
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26	Beach County, Florida, on the day of, 2021.
25	APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm
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23	Ordinance is filed with Department of State or January 1, 2022, whichever date is later.
22	The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon the date this
21	SECTION 8. Effective Date:
20	on the interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance.
19	designations used in this Ordinance are for convenience only and shall have no effect
18	SECTION 7. Captions: The captions, section headings, and section
17	changed to "section", "article", or any other appropriate word.
16	may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be
15	of Laws and Ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance
14	The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code
13	SECTION 6. Inclusion in the Code of Laws and Ordinances:
12	inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.
11	for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional,
10	If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is
9	SECTION 5. Severability:
8	violations of said law which occurred prior to its repeal or replacement.
7	shall remain in full force and effect, for the limited purpose of enforcing any alleged
6	amended, and in place prior to this Ordinance are hereby specifically preserved, and
5	the provisions of Section 13-58(b), Palm Beach County Code, as originally enacted,
4	SECTION 4. Savings Clause: Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,
3	is authorized to repeal are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
2	Any laws or ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance which Palm Beach County

SECTION 3. Repeal of Laws in Conflict:

LOCAL AGENCY COMPARATIVE FEE SCHEDULE*

Prepared by Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue

Last Updated November 1, 2021

	Effective	•	[SORT FIELD]				
Agency	Date	BLS	ALS1	ALS2	Specialty	Oxygen	Miles
EST. MEDICARE ALLOWABLE RATE	2022	\$379.61	\$450.78	\$685.72			\$8.02
MIAMI DADE	2021	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$900.00		\$15.00
PALM BEACH GARDENS	2020	\$700.00	\$750.00	\$800.00	\$850.00	\$30.00	\$12.00
BOCA RATON	2021	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$850.00		\$12.00
PALM BEACH	2016	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$850.00			\$12.00
WEST PALM BEACH	2021	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$850.00		\$12.00
DELRAY BEACH_	2021	\$650.00	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$850.00		\$12.00
PALM BEACH COUNTY (Proposed)	2022	\$690.00	\$690.00	\$850.00			\$14.00
BOYNTON BEACH	2018	\$690.00	\$690.00	\$850.00			\$14.00
NORTH PALM BEACH	2021	\$610.00	\$675.00	\$745.00			\$12.00
RIVIERA BEACH	2018	\$670.00	\$670.00	\$830.00			\$13.50
PALM BEACH COUNTY (Current)	2018	\$670.00	\$670.00	\$830.00			\$13.50
requesta	2021	\$610.00	\$670.00	\$845.00			\$12.00
GREENACRES	2021	\$670.00	\$670.00	\$830.00			\$13.50
AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE	2020	\$450.00	\$550.00	\$800.00		\$30.00	\$10.50
MEDICS AMBULANCE SERVICE	2020	\$450.00	\$550.00	\$800.00	\$735.00	\$30.00	\$10.50
PALM BEACH COUNTY (Proposed)		\$690.00	\$690.00	\$850.00	n/a	n/a	\$14.00
Average Rate of Agencies Surveyed: % Proposed Rate Over Average Rate Rates if 10% above Average		\$657.33 5.0% \$723.07	\$685.67 0.6% \$754.23	\$825.33 3.0% \$907.87	\$811.67	\$30.00	\$12.57 11.4% \$13.82

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