

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Waldo

SUBJECT: Resolution Updating Rates for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Transport

MEETING DATE: June 9, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Resolution

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution, updating the rate schedule for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Transport

STRATEGIC PLAN: 7.5. Funding and Delivery of City Services: Use equitable and sustainable sources of funding for appropriate City services, and deliver them in a lean and efficient manner.

BACKGROUND:

The Fire Department started providing backup EMS transport services in 2007. Until fiscal year 2023 the City was providing these services at no cost. On April 19, 2022 the City Commission authorized the Fire Department to enter into a professional services agreement with Pintler Billing, allowing the fire department to use a third party service for EMS billing. The EMS billing is direct billed to insurance companies, with any remaining unpaid balances being the responsibility of the patient. This practice is similar to what citizens and visitors experience when service is provided by the private EMS transport service in Bozeman. The current rates for EMS transport by Bozeman Fire have been in effect since August 3, 2022.

The billing for these services is intended to cover a number of different costs associated with providing EMS service, including but not limited to:

- Personnel cost of City employees assigned to the EMS transport,
- Costs of any materials, medications, medical equipment, and other items used to provide services during the transport,
- Cost of fuel for the ambulance, and
- Cost of wear and tear on the ambulance and other associated equipment such as cots, cardiac monitors, and other specialized medical equipment that requires replacement.

Rate Recommendation,

The fire department worked with Pintler Billing to evaluate 16 other rate structures from other service providers across the state, including transport agencies within Gallatin County, to help inform this recommended update. In addition, the fire department factored in costs specific to the City, such as labor and equipment replacement, to develop the recommended rate increases below for adoption.

Service Provided	Rates Effective 7/1/2026
Basic Life Support Non-emergent	\$1,750.00
Basic Life Support Emergent	\$1,750.00
Advanced Life Support Non-emergent	\$2,000.00
Advanced Life Support Emergent	\$2,100.00
Basic Life Support Routine Supplies	\$175.00
Advanced Life Support Routine Supplies	\$200.00
Intravenous (IV) Supplies	\$175.00
Oxygen and Supplies	\$125.00
Defibrillation & Supplies	\$350.00
Intubation Supplies	\$350.00
Mileage	\$25.00 per mile

Rate Adjustment and Review:

It is recommended that rates be adjusted annually on July 1 by the consumer price index (CPI-U). Inflationary increases would begin July 1, 2027.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None at this time

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the City Commission

FISCAL EFFECTS: Revenue collections will be deposited in the city's general fund to offset some cost of providing these services.

Attachments:

[EMS rate structure FY-27 update.pdf](#)

[COMMISSION RESOLUTION UPDATING RATES FOR
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRANSPORT.pdf](#)

Report compiled on: May 20, 2026