

CHAPTER 34

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

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34.01 ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE. A municipal volunteer emergency medical service of the City of Cascade is hereby established to provide emergency medical and ambulance services in the City of Cascade and to area townships.

34.02 ORGANIZATION. The emergency medical service shall consist of a Director and such other officers and personnel as may be recommended by the Director and authorized by the Council. All personnel of the emergency medical service shall be trained in emergency medical procedures and protocols.

34.03 APPROVAL BY COUNCIL. All personnel of the emergency medical service and all stipends paid to them shall be approved by the Cascade City Council.

34.04 OPERATIONS AND TRAINING. The emergency medical service shall be under the direction, deployment and oversight of the Director. On going training and qualifying of emergency medical service personnel shall also be the duty and responsibility of the Director.

34.05 CARE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT. The care and maintenance of the vehicles and equipment of the emergency medical service shall be the direct responsibility of the Director.

34.06 INJURY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE. The Council shall contract to insure the City against liability for worker's compensation and against statutory liability for the costs of hospitalization, nursing, and medical attention for ambulance personnel injured in the performance of their duties with the emergency medical service. All emergency medical service personnel shall be covered by the contract. The Council shall also contract to insure against liability of the City and emergency medical service personnel for injuries, death or property damage arising out of and resulting from the

performance of emergency medical services within or outside the corporate limits of the City.

34.07 MUTUAL AID. Subject to approval by resolution of the City Council, the emergency medical service may enter into mutual aid agreements with other legally constituted EMS services. Copies of any such agreements shall be filed with the Clerk.

34.08 FEES AND RECORDS. It shall be the responsibility of the Director to bill the fees and charges of the emergency medical service and maintain a set of books and the records of the emergency medical service.

34.09 CHARGES FOR SERVICE. The following fees and charges for emergency medical services are hereby established:

<u>Fees/Charges</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
1. BLS (Basic Life Support) Rate.....	\$425.00.....	\$475.00.....
2. ALS1 (Advanced Life Support) Rate.....	\$475.00.....	\$525.00.....
3. ALS2 (Advanced Life Support).....	\$575.00.....	\$625.00.....
4. BLS on Scene Care.....	\$50.00.....	\$60.00.....
5. ALS on Scene Care.....	\$125.00.....	\$150.00.....
6. Mileage.....	\$10.50/mile.....	\$11.00/mile.....
7. Oxygen.....	\$30.00.....	\$30.00.....
8. Spinal Immobilization.....	\$100.00.....	\$100.00.....
9. Supplies.....	At cost.....	At cost.....

34.10 EXPLANATION OF CHARGES. The following is an explanation of the above fees and charges, and when the fees and charges will be charged:

1. BLS is Basic Life Support and the BLS fee is charged when basic treatment is given and patient is transported.
2. ALS is Advanced Life Support and the ALS1 fee is charged when it is medically necessary or an assessment by an advanced life support provider is given, one or more ALS interventions is performed, and the patient is transported.
3. The ALS2 fee is charged when it is medically necessary to administer at least three different medications by intravenous push/bolus or continuous infusion or proved one or more of the following ALS procedures – manual defibrillation/cardioversion, endotracheal intubation, central venous line, cardiac pacing, chest compression, surgical airway, and intraosseous line.

4. BLS on Scene Care is charged when the emergency medical service responds to a call, provides basic treatment, and the patient refuses transport and/or is simply not transported.
5. ALS on Scene Care is charged when the emergency medical service responds to a call, provides treatment including an ALS assessment or at least one ALS intervention.
6. Mileage is based on loaded miles traveled from pickup of patient to arrival at the destination. Any portion of a mile will be billed as a complete mile.

34.11 AMBULANCE FUND. All monies received by the City as payment for emergency medical services shall be credited to the Ambulance Fund. Such fees collected and other emergency medical service revenues shall be used exclusively for the operation, maintenance, and administration of the emergency medical service, including but not limited to personnel, equipment, maintenance, oversight, and expenditures related to billing and collections. Expenditures from the Ambulance Fund shall be made by appropriation of the City Council.

34.12 PAYMENT OF FEES. The City Council may contract with third party billing and collection services to facilitate the billing and collection of monies owed to the City for emergency medical services. The City may bring suit in the name of the City against any person upon failure of such person to pay for the provision of emergency medical service when such service has been rendered by the emergency medical service. Any such civil action shall be in addition to other remedies available by law or in equity. Nothing in this Chapter shall authorize the City, its officials, or personnel, to refuse or delay emergency medical service to any person for the reason that such person has not paid for emergency medical service or owes for previous emergency medical service.

34.13 CONTRACT WITH TOWNSHIPS. The City Council shall have the authority under Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa to contract with area Townships for the purpose of extending and providing emergency medical service to the Townships.

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