

## City Council Regular Meeting

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Type of Action Requested: Resolution

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SUBJECT:

Ambulance Transport Agreement

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve a resolution approving the Ambulance Transportation Agreement between American Medical Response (AMR) and the City of Casa Grande.

## DISCUSSION:

The Agreement virtually remains the same as what is already in place. There is a \$10 increase when a City Paramedic rides into the hospital in a private ambulance. The fee would go from the current \$60 to \$70 per call.

This Ambulance Transportation Agreement is for two years, retroactive to February 2020 to February 2022, with the City having an option to extend the Agreement for an additional 12 months. The primary purpose is to establish a base understanding of AMR's ambulance operations within the City and reimburse the City for disposable medical supplies and for fire-medics riding into the local hospital while providing patient care.

This Agreement will allow the City to replace disposable medical supplies on calls that a patient is transported on at a fair market value at a flat rate per call each month. Department and Contractor will collect data over the first six months to determine what disposable supplies are used. Both parties will negotiate in good faith to define and agree upon the fair market value flat rate of replacement after that. AMR does bill for all supplies used on a call, whether it was our supply or theirs.

The Agreement will also allow for compensation for our fire-medics who ride into the local hospital. For calls where the fire-medical performs services on an AMR ALS Unit, reimbursement will be at a rate of \$70.00. If the AMR unit is a BLS unit, the City will receive 100% of the difference between the BLS base billing and the ALS base billing to our local hospital. Currently, under the CON rates established, it would be \$103.00. AMR's model now in this Agreement is an ALS/BLS, which means the City does not know what level of service is responding until they come upon our radio system and advise responding.

As noted, once approved, the Agreement would be retroactive, which would allow the City to recover reimbursements beginning in February 2020. To be effective, the Agreement will need to be approved by ADHS, which has jurisdiction over ambulance services being provided by AMR.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Revenues that are currently collected would increase slightly. It is estimated to rise by about \$10-12K annually.

Without an agreement, however, the City is not able to recover any funds at all from AMR and is providing the service to the patients without any reimbursement to the City.