



City of Etna

Resolution Number: 2023-013

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ETNA APPROVING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMBULANCE RATES)

WHEREAS the Etna Ambulance Department of the City of Etna is the primary Emergency Medical Services (ambulance) provider to the citizens Etna and Scott Valley; and

WHEREAS the adoption of the fee schedule is required to permit the City to recover the costs of providing emergency medical services, including medications and other medical supplies from the users thereof; and

WHEREAS many of the patients served by the Etna Ambulance Department pay for their services through government reimbursement programs such as Medicare; and

WHEREAS the Medicare reimbursement fee schedules do not fully reimburse the City for the cost of the services; and

WHEREAS many government reimbursement agencies have adopted the Medicare reimbursement fee schedule which has reduced the amount of income to the City's Etna Ambulance Department; and

WHEREAS The Etna Ambulance Department needs to raise the rates it charges to be able to raise sufficient revenue to cover the cost of its operations; and

WHEREAS Resolution Number 927-2019 establishes that Etna Ambulance transport fees are to be increased biennially on July 1st in an amount equal to the California Consumer Price Index as published by the Office of Policy, Research and Legislation; and

WHEREAS fees were last increased on **November 15, 2021**; and

WHEREAS a reasonable fee is also needed to accommodate occasional requests by community members for gurney transport for non-ambulatory patients during non-emergencies.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Etna does resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Service Fee Schedule is hereby established as set forth herein:

The following Fee Schedule shall apply when a City-owned or contract paramedic unit or ambulance provides transportation or other emergency services.

Etna Ambulance Rate Schedule	Current Rate	Current Rate	Proposed New Rate	Proposed New Rate
	Etna Resident	Non-Etna Resident	(10% increase) Etna Resident	(20% increase) Non-Etna Resident
ALS1 emergency transport	\$2,123	\$2,316	\$2,335.30	\$2,779.20
ALS2 emergency transport	\$2,299	\$2,508	\$2,528.90	\$3,009.60
ALS Assessment/Non-transport	\$220	\$240	\$242.00	\$288.00
ALS Non-emergency scheduled transport	\$1,837	\$2,171	\$2,020.70	\$2,605.20
BLS- emergency transport	\$1,727	\$1,884	\$1,899.70	\$2,260.80
BLS- non-emergency scheduled transport	\$1,606	\$1,752	\$1,766.60	\$2,102.40
BLS Assessment/Non-Transport	\$55	\$60	\$60.50	\$72
Cardiac monitor use	\$92	\$100	\$101.20	\$120
Oxygen delivery	\$104	\$113	\$114.40	\$135.60
Each mile (patient loaded)	\$32	\$35	\$35.20	\$42
Events requesting a dedicated, staffed ambulance	\$100 per hour		\$110 per hour	


SECTION 2. Annual Adjustment of Transport Fees and Mileage Charge. The transport fee in Section 1. A will be increased biennially on July 1st in an amount equal to the California Consumer Price Index as published by the Office of Policy, Research and Legislation (www.dir.ca/OPRL) and then rounded up to the nearest ten-dollar increment (one-dollar increment for items less than \$1000).

SECTION 3. Resolution of Billing Problems: The Ambulance Director is authorized to adjust emergency medical service charges billed to a patient to resolve any problems encountered between the City and the patient for service. Records for any changes in the amount of payment owed will be maintained by the Ambulance Director or appointed designee and made available to the City Council at their request.

SECTION 4. The fees listed in this resolution will become effective on **December 1, 2023**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Etna, State of California this 25th day of September 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: *Deppen, Fawez, Gilmore, Munson, Stacher*
 NOES: *0*
 ABSENT: *0*
 ABSTAIN: *0*



 Cliff Munson, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Pamela Eastlick, City Clerk