

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 10, FILE # 020320

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File # 020320 is an ordinance relating to ambulance conveyance rates.

Background

1. Section 75-15-14-a of the Milwaukee Code requires the commissioner of health to review and report annually to the common council ambulance conveyance rates established under Section 75-15-14 par. c and recommend, if appropriate, an adjustment in the conveyance rate.
2. This ordinance increases the amount charged for both Basic Life Support and Basic Life Support-Emergency ambulance conveyances for the two categories of patients established by the code, *residents* of the City of Milwaukee and *non-residents*.

Discussion

1. The increases in ambulance conveyance rates established by this ordinance are as follows:
 - For residents, from \$325 to \$336.
 - For non-residents, from \$375 to \$388.
2. The new rates reflect a 3.5% increase, consistent with the 2000-2001 Milwaukee consumer price index for medical care.
3. The mileage rate, \$8.76/mile, will remain the same.

Fiscal Impact

Passage of this ordinance has a minimal fiscal impact. Police prisoners needing to be transported by private ambulance will be charged 60% of the established rate. The Milwaukee Police Department will be charged for this conveyance in the event that the prisoner is unable to pay.

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