

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 9, FILE 090066

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File 090066 is an ordinance relating to ambulance conveyance rates of private providers and the Milwaukee Fire Department.

Background and Discussion

1. The ordinance increases rates for Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support services for both private providers and the Milwaukee Fire Department.
2. This ordinance increases the amount charged by private providers for both Basic Life Support and Basic Life Support -Emergency ambulance conveyances for 2 categories of patients established by the code: residents and non-residents. The increases are as follows:
 1. For residents, a 4.4% increase from \$422 to \$441.
 2. For non-residents, a 4.4% increase from \$488 to \$510.
3. This ordinance also increases the amount charged for mileage for private providers. Mileage is defined as the distance traveled with the patient in the ambulance from point of origin to destination. The rate, for both residents and non-residents is increased from \$12.60 per mile to \$14.00 per mile. The new rate reflects an 11.1% increase.
4. In addition, the Milwaukee Fire Department is authorized to charge \$441 for basic life support transport for a bariatric (obese) patient and \$441 to Medicare for a cardiac arrest patient who is not resuscitated in the field. These are new fees for the Fire Department.

Fiscal Impact

The increases in fees for private providers will have no fiscal impact on the City. However, the new fees for services to be charged by the Milwaukee Fire Department will have a positive fiscal impact on the City. The Fire Department will be presenting an estimate at the Public Safety Committee meeting.

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