

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY CODE TO
REVISE FEES FOR AMBULANCE AND RELATED SERVICES PROVIDED
BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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Sponsor:

Council
Member
Harlee

WHEREAS, Section 10-1 of the City Code sets forth the fees for ambulance and related services provided by the City's Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the City has not recently utilized Section 10-1 because Trinity Health of the Mid-Atlantic Region (St. Francis Hospital) has provided emergency medical services to City residents for a long time; and

WHEREAS, Trinity Health of the Mid-Atlantic Region (St. Francis Hospital) has recently informed the City that it will stop providing emergency medical services to City residents before the end of fiscal year 2025 on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the best option going forward is for the City's Fire Department to provide emergency medical services to City residents; and

WHEREAS, the fees contained in Section 10-1 have not been updated since 1994 and they need to be revised to (i) increase the rates for basic ambulance service and administration of oxygen, (ii) delete the cervical collar rate, and (iii) add a loaded mile rate; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, City Council deems it necessary and appropriate to amend Chapter 10 of the City Code as described above and set forth below.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
HEREBY ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1. Chapter 10 of the City Code is hereby amended by amending Section 10-1 thereof by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language to read as follows:

Sec. 10-1. - Fees for ambulance and related services provided by the fire department.

The following fees shall apply to the referenced services provided by the city ~~if the services are provided to individual persons who are insured for the same:~~

- (1) Basic ambulance service from the scene of illness, incident, or accident to a hospital ~~\$135.00~~ \$1,000.00
- (2) Administration of oxygen ~~\$20.00~~ \$30.00
- (3) ~~Cervical collar~~ Loaded mile, patient on board ~~\$20.00~~ \$25.00
per loaded mile

The fire department and the finance department are hereby authorized to administer the provisions of this section and may develop such forms and procedures deemed necessary to the proper administration thereof.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be deemed effective as of its date of passage by City Council and approval by the Mayor.

First Reading April 3, 2025
Second Reading April 3, 2025
Third Reading

Passed by City Council,

President of City Council

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance amends Section 10-1 of the City Code regarding the fees for ambulances and related services provided by the City's Fire Department to (i) increase the rates for basic ambulance service and administration of oxygen, (ii) delete the cervical collar rate, and (iii) add a loaded mile rate.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The City estimates that it will receive medical insurance fee revenues of approximately \$2.6 million in fiscal year 2026 from this Ordinance and approximately \$3.0 to \$4.0 million in subsequent fiscal years.

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