

CHAPTER 407

FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FEES

Town of Yarmouth, Maine

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ARTICLE I

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a basis for charges and fees for emergent and non-emergent fire and emergency medical services provided by the Yarmouth Fire Rescue, such fees and charges to be remitted to the Treasurer of the Town of Yarmouth. Such fees and charges are necessitated to offset the capital, reserve, debt, and operating expenses of providing quality fire and emergency medical services.

ARTICLE II

A. FEES ESTABLISHED

Any person who shall receive emergency medical or fire department services requested by such person or on behalf of such person by any other person acting in good faith and in the interests of the health or safety of such service recipient shall pay to the Town of Yarmouth a fee for services in accordance with Appendix I of this Chapter, said Appendix I to be amended from time to time by majority vote of the Yarmouth Town Council.

ARTICLE III

A. BILLING

The Treasurer shall establish and shall provide forms and procedures for the billing of fire and emergency medical and rescue services, including the establishment of delinquency periods, interest penalties, and collection procedures.

B. MEDICARE AND Maine Care

It shall be the policy of the Town of Yarmouth to accept Medicare and Maine Care payments and assignments on all applicable accounts pursuant to all governing rules, procedures, and schedules established thereunder.

C. AGENT INVOICE

It shall be the policy of the Town of Yarmouth to directly invoice any applicable health, automobile or other insurance carrier, agent, governmental program or service, or similar coverage provider disclosed to the Town by the emergency medical, rescue or fire services recipient, subject to the authorization of such service recipient.

D. UNPAID BALANCES

The service recipient shall be responsible for any unpaid balances for services provided except:

1. Where the Town has agreed to accept assignment of the charges of fees from a third party payor, or
2. Where the service recipient has a demonstrated financial hardship and has applied to the Treasurer for waiver or forgiveness of such unpaid balances in part or in full.
3. Where the service recipient is enrolled in any pre-paid individual, family or group subscription service program which the Town of Yarmouth may establish for emergency fire, rescue, or medical services.

E. CONTRACT BILLING SERVICES

The Town of Yarmouth reserves the right to contract with any public, private or commercial billing services for the billing and collection of charges and fees for services, and such charges and fees shall be due and payable and subject to the same collection procedures, authorities, or penalties as if billed by the Town of Yarmouth directly.

F. MUTUAL AID

It is the policy of the Town of Yarmouth to bill any emergency medical, rescue or fire service recipient under the same rates and subject to the same procedures, rules and exemptions when such service is rendered in whole or in part by any other public agency for which the Town has mutual aid agreements. The Town shall by agreement or payment provide for the satisfaction of all bills or charges that may be charged by the mutual aid provider.

1. This policy shall not apply to non-emergency transports arranged with other public, private, or non-profit agencies or hospitals, nor to helicopter transport or other special medical transport services, nor transport to hospital services beyond a 25-mile radius from the Yarmouth Town Hall.

G. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance and Appendix I hereto, shall be effective upon adoption.

APPENDIX I SCHEDULE OF FEES

FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Basic Life Support Transport (BLS)	\$550.00
Advanced Life Support Transport (ALS 1)	\$750.00
Advanced Life Support Transport (ALS 2)	\$900.00
Ground Loaded Mileage	\$12.00/Mile
Treatment/ No Transport Fee	\$125.00

(Treatment/No Transport calls are for responses that require use of medical equipment or medications for care of the patient, but where patient was not transported to a medical care facility.)

FIRE RESCUE SERVICES

Vehicle Extrication	\$400.00
Hazardous Materials Response	\$ By Statute
False\Nuisance Alarms (After 3 in a 30 - day period)	\$100.00
Standby**for public gatherings or events, downed power lines, Bomb threats or similar concerns	\$25.00/hr/person
Apparatus Standby for Events	\$100.00/event/apparatus

****Not including standby for mutual aid services**