

Middlesex County Board of Supervisors



ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SERVICE FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRANSPORT BY MIDDLESEX COUNTY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA, THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE IS HEREBY ADOPTED:

- (a) *Title.* This ordinance shall be known as the “Emergency Medical Services Transportation Fees”
- (b) *Authority.* Pursuant to Code of Virginia, § 32.1-111.14, it is hereby determined and declared that the exercise of the powers and duties set forth in this section are necessary to assure the provision of adequate and continuing emergency services and to preserve, protect, and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare.
- (c) *Definitions.* The following definitions shall apply to Emergency Medical Services transportation fees:

Basic life support (BLS) - Medical treatment or procedures provided to a patient as defined by the National Emergency Medicine Services (EMS) Education and Practice Blueprint from the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)-Basic.

Advanced life support level 1 (ALS-1) - Medical treatment or procedures provided to a patient beyond the scope of the EMT-Basic as defined by the National Emergency Medicine Services (EMS) Education and Practice Blueprint.

Advanced life support level 2 (ALS-2) - Advanced life support (ALS) services provided to a patient including any of the following medical procedures: (i) manual defibrillation/cardioversion; (ii) endotracheal intubation; (iii) central venous line; (iv) cardiac pacing; (v) chest decompression; (vi) surgical airway; (vii) intraosseous line; and (viii) the administration of three or more medications.

Ground transport mileage (GTM) - The distance in statute miles from the location of the incident scene, or center point of a fire demand zone where an incident scene or address is located, to the hospital or other facility to which the patient is transported.

- (d) *Schedule of fees.* The schedule of fees for emergency medical transport services provided by Middlesex County, will be based on the GTM of the transport and the level of medical support (BLS, ALS1, or ALS2) provided during transport and specified by resolution of the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors.
- (e) *Administrative rules and regulations.* The Emergency Services Director, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to establish applicable policies, procedures, rules, and regulations to administer this program, including, but not limited to payment standards for those persons who demonstrate economic hardship, as permitted by applicable law and standards for the collection of fees.

This Ordinance shall be in effect upon adoption.

Considered following a duly advertised Public Hearing held on March 7, 2017, and adopted by the following vote:

John D. Miller, Jr.	aye
Wayne H. Jessie, Sr.	aye
Robert LeBoeuf	aye
Mark E. "Chip" Holt III	aye
Peter W. Mansfield	aye

A Copy Teste:



Matthew Walker, Clerk