

ORDINANCE NO. 87 - 47

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 81-6, WHICH ESTABLISHED RESCUE EMERGENCY FEES AND NON-EMERGENCY FEES FOR CALLS MADE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF NASSAU COUNTY; SAID AMENDMENT INCREASES THE FEES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has received testimony that the charges for emergency and non-emergency rescue services need to be increased, and;

WHEREAS, the fees charged by surrounding counties are lower than Nassau County, and;

WHEREAS, the increase in fees is in the best interest of the citizens of Nassau County in order to continue to provide the current services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED this 25th day of August, 1987, that Ordinance No. 81-6 be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. EMERGENCY RATES

Emergency rescue service shall be provided for all citizens of Nassau County, Florida, based upon the following rates:

A. Transport Rates

~~1.---Any service call made within Nassau County and the patient delivery is to the Nassau County General Hospital, a charge shall be made to that patient of seventy five (\$75.00), regardless of whether or not that patient or a member of his family called for that service.~~

1.) Any service call that requires that the patient be transported, a charge shall be made to the patient of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus a milage fee which shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per mile.

~~2.---If the patient or any member of his family called for the rescue service and such transportation was not necessary, a charge of seventy five dollars (\$75.00) will be charged if the service call is within the boundaries of Nassau County and one~~

hundred-dollars--(\$100.00)--if--the--service--call--is--out--of--the boundaries-of-Nassau-County.

2.) The transport rate plus mileage shall be charged regardless of whether or not the patient or a family member called for said service.

3.--For--any--transportation--made--by--Nassau-County--Emergency Rescue-Service--out--of--the--boundaries--of--Nassau-County--for--any reason--whatsoever,--a--service--charge--of--one--hundred--dollars (\$100.00)--shall--be--charged.

B. Non-Transport Rate

1.) If the rescue personnel determine that transport is not required, the patient shall be charged a non-transport fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

SECTION-2.--NON-EMERGENCY-RATES

-----Non-emergency-rescue-service-shall-be-provided-by-Nassau County-for-the-following-fees:

-----1.--The-pick-up-fee-by-the-rescue-vehicle-shall-be-sixty dollars--(\$60.00).--An-additional-mileage-fee-shall-be-charged when-the-patient-is-on-board-the-rescue-vehicle,--which-shall-be one-dollar-and-twenty-five-cents--(\$1.25)--per-mile-for-travel within-Nassau-County.

-----2.--The-mileage-fee-for-travel-outside-of-Nassau-County-and contiguous-counties-shall-be-two-dollars--(\$2.00)--per-mile.

-----3.--Waiting-time-for-the-rescue-vehicle-shall-be-twenty-five dollars--(\$25.00)--per-hour-with-the-first-fifteen--(15)--minutes free.--From-sixteen--(16)--to-thirty--(30)--minutes-shall-be-twelve dollars-and-fifty-cents--(\$12.50),--and-thirty-one-minutes-or-more twenty-five-dollars--(\$25.00).

-----4.--The-use-of-oxygen-shall-be-charged-ten-dollars--(\$10.00) as-a-flat-rate-for-any-use-whatsoever.

-----5.--All-rescue-fees,--both-emergency-and-non-emergency,--shall

~~be due and payable on receipt of the bill. The Clerk of Circuit Court is hereby authorized to seek collection through whatever legal means possible of all past due rescue bills which have not been paid beyond sixty days from the due date.~~

SECTION 3. ITEMIZED CHARGES

A.) The use of the following shall be as the rate indicated:

<u>Oxygen</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
<u>Monitor</u>	<u>25.00</u>
<u>IV'S</u>	<u>20.00</u>
<u>Intubation</u>	<u>15.00</u>
<u>Mast Suit</u>	<u>15.00</u>
<u>OB Kit</u>	<u>15.00</u>
<u>Cervical Collar</u>	<u>25.00</u>
<u>Splinting</u>	<u>25.00</u>
<u>Spinal Immobilization</u>	<u>25.00</u>
<u>Medications</u>	<u>1-1/2 times the cost</u>

SECTION 3. PAYMENT OF FEES

1.) All rescue fees shall be due and payable within sixty (60) days of the mailing of the bills. The Public Safety Director, at his discretion, is hereby authorized to seek collection through whatever legal means possible for all past-due rescue bills which have not been paid beyond the sixty (60) day time period.

SECTION-5.--EFFECTIVE-DATE

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become law upon its enactment and filing with the Secretary of State.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 25th day of August, 1987.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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