

**7. FIRST READING
SERVICE FEES FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANSPORT**

Based upon recent revisions to Medicare payment policies for emergency ambulance transportation services, please find attached a proposed ordinance amendment which increases the following fees:

Basic Life Support – increased from \$300 to \$350;
Advanced Life Support – 2 – increased from \$500 to \$575; and
Ground Transport Mileage Rate – increased from \$8.00 to \$10.50 per mile.

These are the first increases imposed since we originally adopted the fees in 2005 – the rates reflect the maximum amounts that Medicare (and private insurers) will pay for emergency ambulance services.

For your reference, please note that ambulance transportation fees currently generate between \$150,000 to \$200,000 in revenue per year – partially mitigating the \$718,455 cost of contractual EMS services.

These fee increases are expected to generate between \$25,000 and \$40,000 in additional revenue per year.

MOTION REQUIRED: If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to advertise the attached ordinance for public hearing next month.