

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 2010-8

No. 145

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9, ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION," ARTICLE V ENTITLED "CHARGES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES," SECTION 9-101

Approved MAY 7, 2010

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence is hereby amended in part to read as follows:

ARTICLE V. CHARGES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES\*

\*Editor's note: Ord. 1994, ch. 94-4, approved on February 15, 1994, added provisions designated as Ch. 9, Art. III, §§ 9-37--9-40. To avoid duplicative article and section numbering, such provisions have been redesignated as Ch. 9, Art. V, §§ 9-101--9-104 at the discretion of the editor.

Sec. 9-101. Fees.

Each person receiving emergency medical services in the city shall be billed for the following services fees, if applicable:

TABLE INSET:

Table with 3 columns: Item number, Service description, and Fee. Items include ALS 1, ALS 2, BLS, Cardiac Monitoring, Reserved, Airways, I.V., Mast Trousers, Oxygen, Mileage ALS/BLS, CPR, Medication administration, Rhythm EKG, and Miscellaneous Supplies.

The rate charged for services shall be determined at least annually in July by the Chief of the Fire Department in consultation with the City Finance Officer and shall be based upon prevailing insurance reimbursements and norms.

IN CITY COUNCIL APR 15 2010

FIRST READING READ AND PASSED

Signature of Clerk for first reading

IN CITY COUNCIL MAY 6 2010

FINAL READING READ AND PASSED

Signatures of President and Clerk for final reading

APPROVED

Signature of Mayor

MAYOR

5/7/10

## Section 9 EMS Charges

This amendment removes the itemized dollar cost associated with EMS services for which the City bills. Instead, the Finance Officer in consultation with the Fire Chief will ascertain rates based on what insurance companies reimburse. The reasons for this include:

- The City can take advantage of changes in rates as soon as they are announced
- Recognizes the current industry practice for reimbursement , in that the City can will only be reimbursed for services at the rate established by the insurance company or Medicare.
- Simplifies the ordinance.