

ORDINANCE NO. 46-19

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland amending Richland Municipal Code Section 13.06.400 regarding monthly ambulance utility service fees.

WHEREAS, since 1976, the City of Richland has provided emergency transport service to Richland citizens; and

WHEREAS, City Council is authorized by RCW 35.21.766, RCW 35.27.370(15), and Chapter 13.06 of the Richland Municipal Code (RMC) to set fees, rates and charges to support an ambulance utility, emergency medical services (EMS), and ambulance transport service; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.21.766(3), the monthly service fee for operation of the utility was established based on the costs of regulating ambulance services and providing the EMS program as determined by a cost-of-service study conducted in late 2018; and

WHEREAS, the current ambulance transport fee of \$660 (\$990 for non-resident), and the per-mile rate of \$10.00 were set by Richland City Council on March 27, 2012. The rates went into effect on June 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the current monthly service fee of \$7.81 was set by Richland City Council on December 8, 2013. The rate went into effect on January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, planning for a new fire station in the City's 2020 budget requires a \$2.19 per month increase in the ambulance utility's monthly service fee as part of the overall project funding strategy; and

WHEREAS, the ambulance transport fee and per-mile rate will remain unchanged; and

WHEREAS, the \$2.19 monthly service fee increase will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Richland Municipal Code Section 13.06.400, entitled Charges established, as first enacted by Ordinance No. 28-06, and last amended by Ordinance No. 41-13, is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.06.400 Charges established.

~~In accordance with the budget presented to the city council on November 19, 2013, t~~The monthly ambulance utility fee shall be as follows effective January 1, ~~2014~~ 2020:

User Classification	Rate
Residential	\$7.81 <u>\$10.00</u> per month/ \$93.72 <u>\$120.00</u> per year – per unit
Multifamily Residences	\$7.81 <u>\$10.00</u> per month/ \$93.72 <u>\$120.00</u> per year – per unit
Adult Family Homes*	\$7.81 <u>\$10.00</u> per month/ \$93.72 <u>\$120.00</u> per year – per facility
Assisted Living Facilities*	\$7.81 <u>\$10.00</u> per month/ \$93.72 <u>\$120.00</u> per year – per facility
24-Hour Nursing Facilities*	\$7.81 <u>\$10.00</u> per month/ \$93.72 <u>\$120.00</u> per year – per facility
Group Homes*	\$7.81 <u>\$10.00</u> per month/ \$93.72 <u>\$120.00</u> per year – per facility
Physicians Clinics*	\$7.81 <u>\$10.00</u> per month/ \$93.72 <u>\$120.00</u> per year – per facility
Schools*	\$7.81 <u>\$10.00</u> per month/ \$93.72 <u>\$120.00</u> per year – per facility
Commercial/Business	\$7.81 <u>\$10.00</u> per month/ \$93.72 <u>\$120.00</u> per year – per unit
City Public Areas	\$7.81 <u>\$10.00</u> per month/ \$93.72 <u>\$120.00</u> per year – per parcel or area

* The annual demand allocation is based upon the overall utilization percentage of each individual unit within the same classification.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City of Richland on October 20, 2019, and take effect on January 1, 2020.

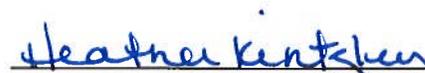
PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 15th day of October, 2019.


 ROBERT J. THOMPSON
 Mayor

ATTEST:


 TONI FULTON, Acting Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


 HEATHER KINTZLEY, City Attorney

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