



**To:** Mayor Dodgen and Council Members  
Steve Parker, City Manager

**From:** Dale Skinner, Fire Chief

**Date:** February 24, 2026

**Re:** Increase in EMS Transport Fees

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**Historical Background**

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are an essential public safety function, providing rapid prehospital emergency medical care and transport to residents and visitors. Since the establishment of modern EMS systems in the 1970s, ambulance transport fees have served as a supplemental funding mechanism to offset operational costs not covered by tax revenue or governmental reimbursement programs. Periodic adjustments to transport fees are consistent with historical practice and are necessary to maintain financial sustainability and service quality.

Historically, EMS transport fees have been adjusted periodically to account for inflation, operational costs, and regulatory changes. Current pressures supporting fee increases include:

- Inflationary increases in fuel, medical supplies, and fleet maintenance
- Competitive labor markets requiring higher wages to retain paramedics
- Investment in advanced medical equipment and digital reporting systems
- Persistent under-reimbursement from government payers
- Increased readiness and disaster preparedness requirements

As a result, many municipalities and private EMS providers periodically reassess transport fees to maintain financial sustainability, ensure service continuity, and preserve response times.

The last increase in transport fees by the City of Seguin was in 2018.

**Action Requested**

Authorization to increase transport fees as described below:

<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>
Milage	\$15 per mile	\$15.30 per mile
Oxygen	---	\$150
ALS Disposable Supplies	---	\$450
BLS Disposable Supplies	---	\$350
Treatment no transport	---	\$250
ALS Non-Emergent Non-Resident	\$1200	\$1224
ALS Non- Emergent Resident	\$1050	\$1071
ALS Emergent Non-Resident	1200	\$1224
ALS Emergent Resident	\$1050	\$1071
ALS 2 Non-Resident	1500	\$1530
ALS 2 Resident	\$1300	\$1326
BLS Non-Emergent Non-Resident	\$1000	\$1020
BLS Emergent Non-Resident	\$1000	\$1020
BLS Non-Emergent Resident	\$850	\$867
BLS Emergent Resident	\$850	\$867
Specialty Care Transport	---	\$2800

**Procurement Methodology & Funding Source**

The requested increase is the maximum allowed by the Texas Department of Insurance.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends increasing transport rates as described above with an effective date of April 1, 2026.

**Attachments**

None.

Respectfully,



Dale Skinner  
Fire Chief