

TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE
FROM: BOROUGH CLERK
DATE: 09/14/2022

RE: RESOLUTION NO 22-28R ESTABLISHING AMBULANCE AND EMS FEES, ESTABLISHING AN AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM, AND REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 00-06R

The attorney indicated that “non-resident fees” would require extra research and that if this is something that the Assembly prefers, the resolution should perhaps be postponed.

Chief Rauscher indicated in response, that it would be okay to remove the “non-resident fees.”

If this is something that Finance understands and supports, please consider recommending the attached “Proposed Amendment.”

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
09/14/2022

Proposed by:	Public Safety Committee
Attorney Review:	09/14/2022
Vote: <input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Absent

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 22-28R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA ESTABLISHING AMBULANCE AND EMS FEES, ESTABLISHING AN AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM, AND REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 00-06R.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 00-06R established fees for ambulance and emergency medical services (EMS) provided by the Municipality of Skagway; and

WHEREAS, these fees have not been updated in over 20 years, and the costs of ambulance and EMS services borne by the Municipality have increased significantly; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase fees to cover current service and personnel costs; and

WHEREAS, after researching other Southeast Alaska communities, Skagway's ambulance and EMS fees were almost half as much compared to nearby EMS agencies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway establishes the following ambulance and EMS fees, and ambulance subscription program:

Ambulance / EMS Fees:

1. **Basic Life Support (BLS) - \$600.00 flat fee plus applicable Transportation Fee.** Transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services, including BLS ambulance services as defined by state emergency medical services regulations. The ambulance must be staffed by an individual who is qualified in accordance with state and local laws as an emergency medical technician basic (EMT Basic), or Alaska EMT 1.
2. **Advanced Life Support Level 1- (ALS 1) - \$800.00 flat fee plus applicable Transportation Fee.** Transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services including the provision of an ALS assessment or at least one ALS intervention. An ALS provider is a provider trained to the emergency medical technician – intermediate (EMT-Intermediate), Alaska EMT 2, Alaska EMT 3 or paramedic level. ALS intervention is a procedure beyond the scope of an EMT Basic.
3. **Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS 2) - \$1000.00 flat fee plus applicable Transportation Fee.** Transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services including:
 - (A) At least three separate administrations of one or more medications by intravenous push/bolus or by continuous infusion (excluding crystalloid fluids); or
 - (B) The provision of at least one of the following procedures: manual defibrillation/cardioversion; endotracheal intubation; central venous line; cardiac pacing; chest decompression; surgical airway; or intraosseous line.
4. ~~**Skagway Non Residents – \$200.00 additional fee.** A non resident shall be defined as a person not able to provide a Skagway, Alaska post office box number to the ambulance crew.~~

4. Transportation Fee - \$15.00 per mile. This fee will be added to all responses beyond the Skagway River Bridge.

5. Medivac Escort Fee - \$75.00 per attending EMT. This fee is for patients transported by air, road, or water and will be added to the flat rate fee. Charges for transportation by private carrier will be billed directly to the patient by the carrier. For the purposes of this item, "Medivac escort" applies to transportation from a medical facility to a receiving medical facility, or to a private ambulance transport company.

Ambulance Subscription Program:

1. Any person may subscribe for ambulance service for a fee of \$50.00 per person per fiscal year or \$125.00 per family per fiscal year. The fiscal year will run from January 1 through December 31 of the following year. A family is defined as immediate family living in one household for purposes of the subscription fee.
2. The base rate is waived for subscribers; however, charges for transportation, supplies and medivac escort are not waived.
3. The Borough will waive ambulance fees for volunteer firefighters and volunteer EMS providers and their spouses, and minor dependent children. The volunteer must meet the following criteria:
 - (A) A current and active volunteer of Skagway Volunteer Fire Department ("active" means a person meeting the training, response, and participation criteria as established by the Skagway Volunteer Fire Department); and
 - I. If providing volunteer firefighting services, be certified as a firefighter by the Alaska Department of Public Safety; or
 - II. If providing volunteer emergency medical services, be certified under AS 18.08.
 - (B) The Fire Chief shall be responsible for certifying that the volunteer has met the criteria established for this waiver and will submit the name(s) in writing to City Hall personnel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Resolution 00-06R is hereby repealed and replaced with this resolution; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and its established fees and program are effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST:

Steve Burnham Jr, Borough Clerk
(SEAL)