

ORDINANCE NO. 4534

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-131 (IMPOSITIONS, EXCEPTIONS) of Article J (SERVICE CHARGE FOIR CITY AMBULANCE SERVICE), Chapter 2 (TAXATION), Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Sec. 3-2-131 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 3-2-131 Imposition; exceptions.

(a) The following words and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings set out below:

(1) Basic Life Support (BLS): Medical treatment rendered to, or procedures performed upon, a patient as defined by the "National Emergency Medicine Services Education and Practice Blueprint" for the medic B basic (EMT-Basic).

(2) Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS-1): Medical treatment rendered to, or procedures performed upon, a patient beyond the scope of an EMT-Basic level, as defined by the National Emergency Medicine Services Education and Practice Blueprint.

(3) Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS-2): Advanced life support treatment rendered to a patient that includes one or more of the following medical procedures:

- (A) defibrillation/cardioversion,
- (B) endotracheal intubation,
- (C) cardiac pacing,
- (D) chest decompression,
- (E) intraosseous line, or
- (F) the administration of three or more medications.

(4) Ground Transport Mileage (GTM): Distance traveled, measured in statute miles, from the location of the incident to a hospital or other facility to which a patient is transported.

(b) Except as hereinafter provided, there is hereby imposed a service charge of \$400 per BLS transport, \$500 per ALS-1 transport, \$675 per ALS-2 transport, plus a GTM charge of \$10.00 per mile, on each person who is transported by ambulance service by the emergency medical services division of the City of Alexandria Fire Department. The funds received shall be paid into the general fund of the city to aid in defraying the cost of providing such service.

(c) No charge shall be imposed on persons in the following instances:

- (1) Persons in the custody of the police department or the office of the sheriff of the city;
- (2) Persons determined to be medically indigent according to (i) the eligibility determination made by the hospital to which the person is transported, or (ii) Level A of the income level scales established by the health department of the city for the purpose of determining eligibility for health services;
- (3) Victims of violent crime, as identified by the commonwealth's attorney for the city;
- (4) Persons affected by fire, flood, storm, natural or man-made calamity or disaster, or by widespread public disturbance or disorder when an emergency rescue vehicle of the city responds as a matter of policy without call;
- (5) City of Alexandria employees who become ill or are injured during working hours while carrying out work-related duties; or
- (6) Children 18 years of age or younger who require emergency medical service and transport while attending school or a school-related activity.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2008.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE
Mayor

Final Passage: May 5, 2008