

City Council Introduction:

BILL NUMBER: 14R-253

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FACTSHEET

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TITLE: Lincoln Fire & Rescue Rate Resolution

BOARD/COMMITTEE:

APPLICANT: Lincoln Fire & Rescue

RECOMMENDATION:

**STAFF
RECOMMENDATION:**

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS
AFFECTED:**

SPONSOR: Lincoln Fire Rescue, John Huff

OPPONENTS:

REASON FOR LEGISLATION

Lincoln Fire Rescue has not changed its current fees since September 1, 2013. Yearly rate adjustments are necessary to keep up with inflationary factors.

DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT:

The medical care service of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has increased 2.4 percent for the 12 month period from April 2012, ending in March 2014. The overall CPI-U has increased 1.5 percent during the same time period.

Lincoln Fire Rescue is requesting rates be adjusted based on the cost associated with providing services. This increase is needed to cover increased operational expenses caused by increased employee expense and ordinary increases in other operative expenses. Rates for FY14/15 and FY15/16 are attached to coincide with the biennial budget process.

Rate increase requested are for EMS Fund - Ambulance Division and General Fund - Lift Assists, HazMat Calls and Alarm Fees. Applicable Dates are September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: Yes No

OPERATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: N/A

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: N/A

RELATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: User Fees

CITY: None

NON CITY: 100% User Fees

FACTSHEET PREPARED BY: Sherrie Meints, EMS Business Manager

DATE: 9-5-2014

REVIEWED BY:

DATE:



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Lincoln, NE 68510

1600 South 48th Street
Lincoln, NE 68506

July 29, 2014

Lincoln Fire and Rescue
Attn: John Huff, Fire Chief
1801 Q Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Sherrie:

The EMS Oversight Authority Board has voted on the recommendation to the City Council for approval of the LFR rate increase. The majority of the EMSOA Board recommended that the City Council approve the LFR rate increase for the 2015-2016 biennial budget .

Sincerely,

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Kyle Michaelis
President, EMSOA
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July 01, 2014

EMSOA Board
 Attn: President Kyle Michaelis
 2300 South 16th Street
 Lincoln, NE 68502

Dear President Michaelis:

Lincoln Fire & Rescue is requesting that our rates be adjusted upwards on September 1, 2014, as outlined in the table below. The current rates have been in effect since Sept 1, 2013. The purpose for the rate adjustment results from the increased cost of doing business during this time period. The key inflationary indexes have increased as follows (see attached tables):

- **Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers:** The overall CPI-U has increased 1.5 percent for 12 month period from April 2013 ending in March 2014.
- **Consumer Price Index – Medical Component:** Medical Care Services of the CPI has increased 3.9 percent during the same time period.

	2013/14	CPI-U+2	2014/15	CPI-U+2	2015/16
	Current	3.5%	Proposed	3.5%	Proposed
EMS Billing:					
BLS Non-Emergency	516.00	3.5%	534.00	3.4%	552.00
BLS Emergency	695.00	3.5%	719.00	3.5%	744.00
ALS 1 Emergency	862.00	3.5%	892.00	3.5%	923.00
ALS 2 Emergency	916.00	3.5%	948.00	3.5%	981.00
ALS Non-Emergency	823.00	3.4%	851.00	3.4%	880.00
Special Medical Service Team	917.00	3.5%	949.00	3.5%	982.00
ALS Paramedic Intercept	414.00	3.4%	428.00	3.3%	442.00
ALS Treat & Release	414.00	3.4%	428.00	3.3%	442.00
Team Transport	122.00	3.3%	126.00	3.2%	130.00
Mileage	15.60	3.5%	16.15	3.4%	16.70
Standbys:					
Fire Apparatus	161.00	3.1%	166.00	3.0%	171.00
Paramedic Ambulance Team	104.00	2.9%	107.00	2.8%	110.00
Bike*Paramedic Team	79.00	2.5%	81.00	2.5%	83.00
Paramedic Event Team	79.00	2.5%	81.00	2.5%	83.00
Individual Standby	67.00	3.0%	69.00	2.9%	71.00



Our intent is to have our benchmark annual adjustment be equal to or less than the overall CPI-U plus 2 percent. Attached you will find the Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI news release and LFR's rate survey. If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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John C. Huff
Fire Chief

cc: Sherrie Meints, EMS Business Mgr.
Roger Bonin, Division Chief of EMS and Training
Pat Borer, Assistant Chief
Steve Hubka, Finance Director