

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - ____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 138, VEHICLES FOR HIRE, SECTION 138-93, FEES FOR SERVICE, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS REGARDING NEW BRAUNFELS FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) FEES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 138-93 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, provides fees, charges and rates for emergency medical services (EMS) provided by the City of New Braunfels; and

WHEREAS, the fees for EMS services have not been adjusted since 2003; and

WHEREAS, the fees for EMS services are not reflective of the current market of regional cities and need to be adjusted in order to cover the City's costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2: Effective July 1, 2022, that Section 138-93 "Fees for Service" shall be amended to hereinafter read as follows with strikethrough font indicating deleted language, and added language includes the chart of fees below as well as underlined language:

Sec. 138 – 93. Fees for Service.

Any person who utilizes the emergency medical service/ambulance service of the city, whether such person requested the same or not by [reason of] conditions then existing, shall pay for such services the amounts as specified according to the latest approved fee schedule shown below:

| Service | Rate |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Basic Life Support (BLS) | \$ 1,085.00 |
| Advanced Life Support (ALS) 1 | \$ 1,320.00 |
| Advanced Life Support (ALS) 2 | \$ 1,467.00 |
| Mileage | \$ 20.00 |
| Treatment/No Transport | \$ 175.00 |
| Unit Stand-by Fee | \$ 125.00 (per hour - max. 3 hour charge) |

~~Fees for services, mileage, advanced medical procedures medications and supplies shall be established annually by the fire chief or his designee based on reasonable and existing charges in the area. Said fees shall be submitted to the city manager on or before the fifteenth day of January and will then be passed on to the city council for approval at the second meeting in January and shall go into effect upon approval. A schedule of fees shall be made available for public information at the office of the city secretary and at the fire administration office. City~~

Secretary, at the Fire Administration Office, and on the City website.

SECTION 3: Savings Clause.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed. The balance of such ordinance is hereby saved from repeal.

SECTION 4: Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become adopted and effective upon its second reading, signature required by City Charter, and filing by the City Secretary, with the effective date of the new fees to be July 1, 2022, as provided in Section 2 of this ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED: First reading this _____ day of May, 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED: Second reading this ____ day of May, 2022.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

By: _____
Rusty Brockman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gayle Wilkinson, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Valeria M. Acevedo, City Attorney