

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-210

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.5 RELATING TO CHARGES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES; ARTICLE I, SECTION 5.5-28, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING “ATTACHMENT A” TO AMBULANCES: LAREDO FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE FEE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo (the “City”) provides ambulance transport, ambulance services, and other emergency medical services (“Services”) to the public as part of its governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, State law permits the City to assess fees to recover the costs of providing Services to the public if such fees are reasonably related to the actual costs of providing such services; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 5.5 of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances establishes the City’s fees and charges for Services, which fees partially defray the costs incurred by the City in providing the Services; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the City provides these Services regardless of the patient’s ability to pay for such Services; and

WHEREAS, the provision of these Services is essential to the health and safety of all patients, regardless of a patient’s ability to pay for such Services, and thereby serves a public purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5.5, Article I, is hereby amended as follows:

ATTACHMENT A
Laredo Fire Department Ambulance Fee Schedule

ePCR Description	Code	PROCEDURES	Current Fees	<i>Proposed Fees</i>		
				<i>Tier 1: FY25</i>	<i>Tier 2: FY26</i>	<i>Tier 3: FY27</i>
BLS EMERGENCY	A0429	BLS ER BASE RATE	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$700.00
ALS EMERGENCY	A0427	ALS1 ER BASE RATE	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$700.00	\$800.00
ALS 2 EMERGENCY	A0433	ALS 2 ER BASE RATE	\$550.00	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$900.00
SCT INTERFACILITY	A0434	SCT ER BASE RATE	\$700.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,300.00

LOADED MILEAGE	A0425	AMBULANCE MILEAGE	\$8.50	\$11.50	\$13.25	\$15.00
BLS DISPOSABLE SUPPLIES	A0382	BLS SUPPLIES ROUTINE DISPOSABLES	\$25.00	\$35.00		
ALS DISPOSABLE SUPPLIES	A0398	ALS SUPPLIES ROUTINE DISPOSABLES	\$35.00	\$45.00		
EXTRA ATTENDANT	A0424	EXTRA ATTEND CPR	\$100.00	\$125.00		
EXTRA ATTENDANT	A0424	EXTRA ATTEND 300+ LB PATIENT	\$100.00	\$150.00		
EKG MONITORING	93040	3 LEAD EKG	\$75.00	\$150.00		
EKG 12 LEAD	93005	12 LEAD EKG	\$150.00	\$225.00		
Treatment-in-Place (No Transport)			-	\$125.00		
Consumables	Code	Procedures	Current Fees		Proposed Fee	
Accu Check	A0382	ACCU CHECK	\$25.00		\$25.00	
Acetaminophen 160mg/5ml			\$10.00		\$15.00	
Acetaminophen 120mg/325mg Suppository			\$10.00		\$15.00	
Adenocard 6 mg	J3490	ADENOCARD 6 mg	\$80.00		\$80.00	
Airway, ET-Tube	A0396	AIRWAY, ET-TUBE	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Airway, Nasopharyngeal	A0396	AIRWAY, NASOPHARYNGEAL	\$88.00		\$88.00	
Airway, Oropharyngeal	A0396	AIRWAY, OROPHARYNGEAL	\$55.00		\$55.00	
Albuterol	J7613	DRUG ALBUTEROL	\$19.00		\$19.00	
Amiodarone 150 mg	J0282	AMIODARONE 150 MG	\$50.00		\$50.00	
Aspirin 325 mg	J3490	DRUG ASPIRIN 325 MG	\$15.00		\$15.00	
Atropine 1 mg	J0460	DRUG ATROPINE 03 MG	\$15.00		\$15.00	
Bandage, Kerlix	A0382	BANDAGE, KERLIX	\$15.00		\$15.00	
Bandage, Triangular	A0382	BANDAGE TRIANGULAR	\$10.00		\$10.00	
Benadryl 50 mg	J3490	BENADRYL 50 MG	\$20.00		\$20.00	
BVM, Adult	A0398	BVM, ADULT	\$36.00		\$36.00	
BVM, Child	A0398	BVM, ADULT	\$36.00		\$36.00	
BVM, Infant	A0398	BVM, ADULT	\$36.00		\$36.00	
Cervical Collar, Adult	A0382	CERVICAL COLLAR, ADULT	\$35.00		\$35.00	
Cervical Collar, Pedi	A0382	CERVICAL COLLAR, PEDI	\$35.00		\$35.00	
CPAP					\$170.00	
Dextrose	J7060	DEXTROSE	\$30.00		\$30.00	
Dressing, 4 x4 Sterile	A0382	DRESSING, 4 x4 STERILE	\$15.00		\$15.00	
Dressing, Burn Sheet	A0382	[DRESSING,] BURN SHEET	\$50.00		\$50.00	
Dressing, Non Adaptic	A0382	DRESSING, NON ADAPTIC	\$15.00		\$15.00	
Dressing, Non Adhering	A0382	DRESSING, NON ADHERING	\$15.00		\$15.00	
Dressing, Trauma	A0382	DRESSING, TRAUMA	\$20.00		\$20.00	
EKG, 3 Lead	93041	3 LEAD EKG	\$75.00		\$75.00	
EKG, Combo Patch	A0398	EKG COMBO PATCH	\$36.00		\$36.00	
Epinephrine 1:10,000 1 mg	J0170	EPINEPHRINE 1:10,000 1 mg	\$15.00		\$15.00	
Glutose	J3490	GLOTOSE	\$15.00		\$15.00	
Immobilization/Backboard	A0382	SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION	\$55.00		\$55.00	

IV 14g Cath	A0394	IV 14G CATH	\$5.00	\$5.00
IV 16g Cath	A0394	IV16G CATH	\$5.00	\$5.00
IV 18g Cath	A0394	IV 18G CATH	\$5.00	\$5.00
IV 20g Cath	A0394	IV 20G CATH	\$5.00	\$5.00
IV 22g Cath	A0394	IV 22G CATH	\$5.00	\$5.00
IV 24g Cath	A0394	IV 24G CATH	\$5.00	\$5.00
IV Butterfly	A0394	IV BUTTERFLY	\$5.00	\$5.00
IV Normal Saline 1,000 cc	J7030	IV NORMAL SALINE 1,000 CC	\$35.00	\$35.00
IV Saline Flush	J7050	IV NORMAL SALINE FLUSH	\$25.00	\$25.00
IV Saline Lock	A0394	IV SALINE LOCK	\$7.00	\$7.00
IV Tubing Set	A0394	IV TUBING SET	\$75.00	\$75.00
Lasix 40 mg	J3490	DRUG LASIX 20 MG	\$25.00	\$25.00
Lidocaine 100 mg	J2001	DRUG LIDOCAINE HCL 100 MG	\$25.00	\$25.00
Lidocaine 2% 100 mg	J2001	DRUG LIDOCAINE HCL 2% 100 MG	\$25.00	\$25.00
Narcan 2 mg	J2310	DRUG NARCAN 2 MG	\$40.00	\$40.00
Nitroglycerin Spray SL	J3490	DRUGS NITRO SPRAY SL	\$15.00	\$15.00
O2 Nasal Cannula, Adult	A0382	O2 NASAL CANNULA, ADULT	\$10.00	\$10.00
O2 Nasal Cannula, Pedi	A0382	O2 NASAL CANNULA, PEDI	\$10.00	\$10.00
O2 Nebulizer Mask	A0398	NEBULIZER MASK	\$39.00	\$39.00
O2 Non Rebreather	A0382	O2 NON REBREATHER	\$15.00	\$15.00
O2 Simple Face Mask Pedi	A0382	O2 SIMPLE FACE MASK PEDI	\$15.00	\$15.00
OB Kit	A0382	OB KIT	\$25.00	\$25.00
Oxygen	A0422	OXYGEN	\$75.00	\$75.00
Pack, Cold	A0382	PACK, COLD	\$10.00	\$10.00
Pack, Hot	A0382	PACK, HOT	\$10.00	\$10.00
PPE, Gloves		Included in BLS Emergency		
PPE, Gown	A0382	PPE, GOWN	\$10.00	\$10.00
PPE, Mask N95	A0382	PPE, MASK N95	\$5.00	\$5.00
PPE, Mask/Shield	A0382	PPE MASK/SHIELD	\$10.00	\$10.00
Sodium Bicarb, Adult	J3490	SODIUM BICARBONATE	\$15.00	\$15.00
Sodium Bicarb, Pedi	J3490	SODIUM BICARBONATE	\$15.00	\$15.00
Solution, Eye Wash	A0382	SOLUTION, EYE WASH	\$10.00	\$10.00
Solution, Hydrogen Peroxide	A0382	SOLUTION, HYDROGEN PEROXIDE	\$10.00	\$10.00
Solution, Sterile Water	A0382	SOLUTION, STERILE WATER	\$10.00	\$10.00
Splint, Padded Board, Med	A0382	SPLINT, PADDED BOARD, MED	\$10.00	\$10.00
Splint, Padded Board, Sm	A0382	SPLINT, PADDED BOARD, SM	\$10.00	\$10.00
Splint, Vacuum, Large	A0382	SPLINT, VACUUM, LARGE	\$100.00	\$100.00
Splint, Vacuum, Medium	A0382	SPLINT, VACUUM, MEDIUM	\$90.00	\$90.00
Splint, Vacuum, Small	A0382	SPLINT, VACUUM, SMALL	\$90.00	\$90.00
Splint, Vacuum, X Large	A0382	SPLINT VACUUM X LARGE	\$110.00	\$110.00
Splint, Vacuum, X Small	A0382	SPLINT VACUUM X SMALL	\$100.00	\$100.00
Suction 14 fr	A0396	SUCTION 14 FR	\$10.00	\$10.00
Suction 8 fr	A0396	SUCTION 8 FR	\$10.00	\$10.00
Suction, Bulb Syringe	A0396	SUCTION, BULB SYRINGE	\$15.00	\$15.00
Suction, Yankeur	A0396	SUCTION, YANKEUR	\$15.00	\$15.00

Syringe, 10 cc	A0394	SYRINGE, 10 CC	\$5.00	\$5.00
Syringe, 3 cc	A0394	SYRINGE 3 CC	\$5.00	\$5.00
Syringe, 3 cc/Needle	A0394	SYRINGE, 3 CC/NEEDLE	\$10.00	\$10.00
Toradol, 60 mg	J3490	TORADOL 60 MG	\$20.00	\$20.00
Tourniquet				\$30.00
Valium, 10 mg	J3360	VALIUM 10 MG	\$26.00	\$26.00

Section 2. This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

Section 4. The City Secretary of the City of Laredo is hereby directed to publish the proposed Ordinance as required by Section 2.09 of the Charter of the City of Laredo. **[Publication is required if the ordinance imposes a fine, penalty, or forfeiture. City Charter 2.09(D)]**

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective 60-days after introduction of a public hearing.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS _____DAY OF _____, 2024.

VICTOR D. TREVINO, M.D.
MAYOR

ATTESTED:

MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY

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