

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 2nd day of November, 2009 at its regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Hobbs Public Library, 509 North Shipp, Hobbs, New Mexico, the governing body of the City of Hobbs proposes to adopt an ordinance which reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.08 OF THE HOBBS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING AMBULANCE RATES AND CHARGES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOBBS, NEW MEXICO that Chapter 8.08 of the Hobbs Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.08.50 Rates and charges.

Any person who utilizes the ambulance service of the City, whether or not such person, or any member of the immediate family, requests the same, by reason of emergencies then existing, shall pay for the service in the amounts as set forth periodically by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission in the New Mexico Ambulance Tariff Rates.

- _____ A. Rates for transportation of patients or corpses:
_____ 1. Transportation of a single patient:

First patient mile	\$85.00
Second through 50th patient mile ; per mile	3.00
All patient miles over 50, per mile	2.50

- _____ Patient miles represent miles while patient is being transported.
_____ When the services of an ambulance are requested, but not used, the above charge of eighty five dollars (\$85.00) plus fifty cents (\$0.50) for each additional mile, origin to origin will apply.
_____ 2. Method of determining charges when multiple patients are transported simultaneously to same destination;
_____ a. Figure the charges for a single patient as per subsection (A)(1) of this section;
_____ b. Add fifty (50) percent of this charge for each additional patient;
_____ c. Total the amounts set out in subdivision (2)(a) and (b) of this subsection;
_____ d. Divide total charges equally among all patients.
_____ The destination is the point at which the patient or corpse is ultimately delivered or accepted, and the vehicle released.

- ~~3. Method of determining charges for multiple patients transported simultaneously to different destinations:~~
- ~~a. Figure the charges for a single patient as per subsection A of this section, to ultimate destination.~~
 - ~~b. Add fifty (50) percent of this charge for each additional patient.~~
 - ~~c. Total the amounts set out in subdivision (3)(a) and (b) of this subsection.~~
 - ~~d. Divide total charges equally among all patients.~~
- ~~The destination is the point at which the patient or corpse is ultimately delivered or accepted, and the vehicle released.~~
- ~~4. Transportation of corpses:~~

First corpse mile	\$85.00
Additional corpse miles, per mile	2.50

- ~~B. Detention charges and stand-by charges:~~
- ~~1. When an ambulance is held at the request of the patient or on behalf of the patient to be transported under this code, a minimum charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first hour will apply; thence, each fifteen (15) minutes or fraction thereof will be at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00).~~
 - ~~2. When an ambulance is requested to stand-by for hazardous events, a minimum charge of forty dollars (\$40.00) for the first hour or fraction thereof will apply from the time the ambulance is assigned to the service until the ambulance returns to its assigned location. Each additional fifteen (15) minutes or fraction thereof will be at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00).~~
- ~~In the event the ambulance is called upon to make a service run while on stand-by service, all other additional applicable charges in this tariff will apply. Stand-by service charge shall cease at the time service run commences.~~
- ~~Nonprofit organizations or educational institutions shall be exempt from any stand-by charges.~~

~~C. Charge for Deadhead Miles. When the deadhead miles exceed the patient miles traveled, the charge for such excess distance shall be at the rate of seventy-five cents (\$0.75) for each excess mile, determined in the following manner:~~

- ~~1. Figure total miles traveled;~~
- ~~2. Figure patient miles;~~
- ~~3. Double the patient miles and deduct same from the total miles traveled; result is deadhead miles.~~

~~Note: Total miles are vehicle operated miles, origin to origin.~~

~~This charge shall be collected but one time in connection with any one trip where deadhead miles are traveled. When more than one patient is transported and charges for deadhead miles are chargeable under this item, the charge shall be pro-rated among the patients handled in the manner outlined in subsection (A)(2) and (A)(3) of this section.~~

~~_____ D. _____ When the use of oxygen is necessary prior to or during transportation of a patient, there will be an additional charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) regardless of distance traveled.~~

~~_____ E. _____ When cardiac monitoring is necessary prior to or during transportation of a patient, there will be an additional charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) regardless of distance traveled.~~

~~_____ F. _____ When defibrillation is necessary prior to or during transportation of a patient, there will be an additional charge of forty dollars (\$40.00) regardless of distance traveled.~~

~~_____ G. _____ When the use of a restraining device or equipment is necessary prior to or during transportation of a patient, there will be an additional charge of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) regardless of distance traveled.~~

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available to interested persons during regular business hours in the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 200 East Broadway, Hobbs, New Mexico, and available online at www.hobbsnm.org.

/s/ Jan Fletcher
JAN FLETCHER, City Clerk