



VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE

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DT: June 28, 2005

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Village Council

FR: Jacqueline R. Menendez, Village Manager

RE: Fire Rescue Transport Fee

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Village Council approve the attached Ordinance amending the Village Code by creating a Section to allow the Village Fire Rescue Department to bill for patient transports.

BACKGROUND

At the March 8, 2005 Council Meeting, Council directed Staff to research the necessary actions to be taken should Council decide to have the Fire Rescue Department bill for patient transport.

On April 1, 2005, Staff submitted a report to Council outlining the process necessary to implement a patient transport billing process and projected anticipated collection rates.

On April 12, 2005, Council directed the Village Manager to bring forth a proposal to implement a patient transport fee program to become effective October 1, 2005.

The attached Ordinance authorizes the Village Manager to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with a Company for the billing and collection of fees as outlined in the attached Exhibit (Exhibit "A").

The Fire Chief has recommended that Per-Se Technologies, which is currently the Company being used by the City of Miami Fire-Rescue Department and the City of Coral Gables Fire Rescue Department, provide all services necessary to implement the patient transport billing process.

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA; AMENDING ARTICLE IV "FINANCE" OF CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION" BY CREATING SECTION 2-75 "FIRE RESCUE TRANSPORT FEE", TO PROVIDE FOR FEES TO BE IMPOSED FOR FIRE RESCUE TRANSPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne Fire Rescue Department ("Fire Rescue") provides medical rescue transportation service to sick, injured or incapacitated persons; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to implement a service fee for Fire Rescue transport services to help offset the costs of the provision of such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. Code Amended. That the Village Code of the Village of Key Biscayne is hereby amended by amending Chapter 2 "Administration", at Article IV "Finance", by creating Section 2-75 "Fire Rescue Transport Fee," to read as follows:

Section 2-75. Fire Rescue Transport Fee.

(a) Fee.

The below listed service fees shall be charged when Village Fire Rescue provides Fire Rescue transport services to any person, by which such person is transported to a medical facility by Village Fire Rescue.

(b) **Schedule of Fees.**

- (i) The Schedule of Fees is that which is set forth on Exhibit "A", a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, subject to any regulatory approval required from Miami-Dade County pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Miami-Dade County Code.
- (ii) The service fees described above shall constitute the initial Schedule of Fees which may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Village Council, subject to any further regulatory approval required from Miami-Dade County pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

(c) **Billing and Collection of Fees.**

The Village Manager is authorized to establish billing and collection procedures to provide for the collection of the service fees from the patient, responsible person, and health insurance carrier of each person receiving basic or advanced life support transportation service, and is authorized to use the services of billing, account management, and/or collection companies in order to accomplish billings, account management, and collections in accordance with applicable law.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 4. Inclusion In The Code. It is the intention of the Village Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and made a part of the Code of Key Biscayne, Florida; that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intentions; and that the word "Ordinance" shall be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Village Council on second reading.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this 5th day of July, 2005.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on second reading this ___ day of _____, 2005.

MAYOR ROBERT OLDAKOWSKI

ATTEST:

CONCHITA H. ALVAREZ, CMC, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT "A"

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Fire Rescue Department	Other Costs	Base Rates BLS	Base Rates ALS	ALS 1	ALS 2	SCT**
Village of Key Biscayne (approved by BCC _____, 2005)		\$330.00	N/A	\$390.00	\$550.00	\$650.00
Oxygen per tank or fraction	\$30.00					
Mileage, per mile or fraction	\$ 7.50					
IV Solution	\$30.00					
Cardiac Monitoring	\$30.00					
Cervical Collar	\$30.00					
Special Handling*	\$30.00					

*Extrication, Anti-shock trousers, etc.

**Specialty Care Transport

In accordance with Section 4-8(k) of the County Code: "The transportation of more than one patient in one ambulance vehicle shall be prohibited, except that this Section shall not apply to transportation pursuant to a contract between a certificate holder and Miami-Dade County or to transportation pursuant to direction by the fire chief having territorial jurisdiction."

NOTE: The Village Clerk may insert date of B.C.C. approval.

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