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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 6284

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Bellevue amending Chapter 4.50, Section 4.50.010 of the Bellevue City Code to allow recovery of certain costs for providing Basic Life Support emergency medical services transport to persons transported by the City from other jurisdictions.

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue currently provides basic life support ("BLS") emergency medical services ("EMS") and BLS emergency medical services transport ("BLS Transport"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35A.11.020, as an exercise of the power granted by RCW 35.27.370(15), the City Council of the City of Bellevue has discretion to charge fees to those receiving EMS Transport from the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 pursuant to Ordinance 6029-A the City began collecting fees for BLS Transport, but opted not to imposed fees on persons transported by the City from jurisdictions outside the City as was the common cooperative practice among local emergency medical service providers; and

WHEREAS; other jurisdictions have now began to charge fees for BLS Transport from areas outside their normal service area; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that those benefiting from the City's BLS Transport should be charged a fee to reimburse the City for at least some portion of the cost of the BLS Transport; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Bellevue City Code Section 4.50.010 is hereby amended as follows:

4.50.010 BLS Transport user fee imposed.

A. All persons receiving basic life support emergency medical services transport ("BLS Transport") by the City shall be charged and billed a BLS Transport user fee ("the Fee"). The initial Fee is set at \$638 per transport plus \$15.00 per mile. The Fee may be adjusted in the future as necessary by the City Council. The City Manager or his/her designee shall establish a procedure to implement, bill, and collect Fees.

B. A resident of the City, who supplies the City with the medical insurance information and documentation needed to bill his or her insurance provider for the Fee, and who assigns his or her insurance benefits for the same to the City, shall not

be billed for that portion of the Fee that is in excess of amounts paid by his or her insurer(s).

C. A non-resident, who supplies the City with the medical insurance information and documentation needed to bill his or her insurance provider for the Fee, and who assigns his or her insurance benefits for the same to the City, shall be billed for that portion of the Fee that is in excess of amounts paid by his or her insurer(s).

D. A person, regardless of residence, who does not supply the City with the medical insurance information and documentation needed to bill his or her insurance provider or who fails to assign such benefits to the City because he or she is unwilling, or because he or she does not have any type of insurance coverage for such charges, shall be billed for the entire Fee.

E. The use of the term "insurance" or any variation thereof in this section shall include Medicare and Medicaid.

F. The use of the term "BLS Transport" in this section shall mean: Transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services, including BLS ambulance services as defined by the state (Chapter 18.73 RCW, now or as hereafter amended). The ambulance must be staffed by an individual who is qualified in accordance with state and local laws as an emergency medical technician basic (EMT Basic). Basic emergency medical technicians perform non-invasive, basic emergency treatment.

G. The use of the term "resident" in this section shall mean: a person whose principal place of residence is within the boundaries of the City or within the Extended Bellevue Fire Service Area.

H. The use of the term "Extended Bellevue Fire Service Area" in this section shall include the contract communities of Beaux Arts, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Medina, Newcastle, Yarrow Point and King County Fire Protection District 14.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after passage by the City Council.

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Passed by the City Council this 2nd day of May, 2016
and signed in authentication of its passage this 2nd day of May,
2016.

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