

Prepared by: Fire Department

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-28**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 30, EMERGENCY SERVICES, ARTICLE III, EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID FEES, SECTION 30-40, DEFINITIONS, AND SECTION 30-41, EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID FEES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Venice has adopted fees for emergency medical services provided by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, since assuming emergency medical services from Sarasota County, the City has begun to incur costs for additional services not contemplated by the present regulations and fee schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Venice finds that it is in the best interest of the public for additional fees to be established so that the users of the services pay the cost thereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** The whereas clauses above are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 30, Emergency Services, Article III, Emergency Medical Aid Fees, Section 30-40, Definitions, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 30-40. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Advanced Life Support 1 or ALS 1* means the treatment of medical emergencies through the use of advanced life support techniques, as defined in F.S. § 401.23, as it may be amended from time-to-time, and including: a medically necessary ALS assessment, a medically necessary ALS intervention(s), and/or administration of no more than two medications (not including crystalloid, hypo tonic, hyper tonic, and isotonic solutions, oxygen and aspirin), and/or the provision of at least one of the following: manual defibrillations/cardio version, endotracheal intubation, central venous line, cardiac pacing, chest decompression, surgical airway, or intraosseous line.

*Advanced Life Support 2 or ALS 2* means the treatment of medical emergencies through the use of advanced life support techniques, as defined in F.S. § 401.23, as it may be amended from time-to-time, and including: a medically necessary ALS assessment and/or a medically necessary **ALS** intervention(s), administration of more than two medications (not including crystalloid, hypo tonic, hyper tonic and isotonic solutions, oxygen and aspirin), and/or the provision of at least one of the following: manual defibrillation/cardio version, Endotracheal intubation, central venous line, cardiac pacing, chest decompression, surgical airway, or intraosseous line.

*Basic life support or BLS* means the treatment of medical emergencies through the use of basic life support techniques, as defined in F.S. § 401.23, as it may be amended from time-to-time.

*Medical treatment without transport* means emergency aid and resuscitation of a sick or injured person at the scene of an accident or medical emergency without transportation or removal to a hospital.

*Team equipment fee* means the costs incurred when the city is requested to provide transport assistance to aeromedical, transport helicopters and flight crews, which is charged to the hospital requesting the aeromedical transfer.

*Telehealth service* means the distribution of health-related services and information via electronic information and telecommunication technologies in lieu of being transported to a hospital.

*Hospital wait time* means the time an ambulance is waiting to offload a patient at the hospital and unable to return to service.

*STAT-Transport* means the interfacility transportation of a critically injured patient via use of a city ambulance/rescue.

**SECTION 3.** Chapter 30, Emergency Services, Article III, Emergency Medical Aid Fees, Section 30-41, Emergency medical aid fees, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 30-41. - Emergency medical aid fees.

Emergency medical aid fees for ALS1, ALS2, BLS, and medical treatment without transport, as well as any other category of ambulance or rescue user fee, shall be established and amended by resolution of the city. Treatment shall be rendered regardless of the patient's ability to pay.

**SECTION 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5.** If any part, section, subsection or other portion of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared void, unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such part, section, subsection or other portion, or the prescribed application thereof, shall be severable and the remaining provisions of this ordinance, and all applications thereof not having been declared void, unconstitutional or invalid, shall remain in full force and effect. The city council specifically declares that no invalid or prescribed provision or application was an inducement to the enactment of this ordinance and that it would have enacted this ordinance regardless of the invalid or prescribed provision or application.

**SECTION 6.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and adoption as provided by law.

**PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, THIS 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.**

First Reading: August 22, 2023  
Final Reading: September 12, 2023

ADOPTION: September 12, 2023

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Nick Pachota, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

I, KELLY MICHAELS, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Venice City Council, at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 12th day of September 2023, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said City this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

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Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney