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MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Scott Runzo, Fire Department Coordinator
Through: Jack Savo Jr, Acting City Manager
Date: December 30, 2025
Re: Resolution 2026-05

SUMMARY: Dillingham's EMS rates are well below Alaska's regional averages, limiting funding for essential emergency services.

PREVIOUS ACTION: Resolution 2017-05 Increase in the Ambulance Billing Rates passed on February 2, 2017.

BACKGROUND: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are critical to public health and safety. Dillingham's current EMS rates are significantly below the Alaska regional average, which limits the ability to maintain high-quality emergency care.

DISCUSSION: This adjustment aligns with regional standards and ensures sustainable, high-quality EMS services for the community. Current averages plus a 5% COLA increase over 5 years equals new rates. All rates to be reviewed on a 5 year term to reflect most current regional standards.

ALTERNATIVES: None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There is no decrease to the fund balance for fiscal year 2026 as a result of accepting this action. It will reduce the amount of tax money needed to cover fire department expenditures.

LEGAL: Currently there are no legal responsibilities to this resolution for the city of Dillingham.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Updating rates to align with regional benchmarks would increase annual revenue from about \$253,050 to \$465,771, a 54% gain, strengthening staffing, training, equipment, and facility improvements. A five-year review cycle is recommended to keep rates current.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Authorizing the Increase in the Ambulance Billing Rates.

PROPOSED ALTERNATE MOTION: There is no alternate motion recommended.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: Acting City Manager recommends approval of Resolution 2026-05.

ATTACHMENTS:

Alaska Rates 2026

Proposal to Increase EMS Rates in Dillingham