

RESOLUTION NO. RES-24-1107

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNDEN, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING THE AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE UTILITY FEE**

WHEREAS, the City of Lynden ("City") established an Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Utility as a public utility ("Utility") and ordained it as part of the Lynden Municipal Code Chapter 13.32, and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to set and collect rates and charges in an amount sufficient to regulate, operate, and maintain the Utility, and

WHEREAS, the City was eligible to charge up to \$11.99 monthly per unit as determined by a cost-of-service study in 2014, and

WHEREAS, the City adopted the monthly rate of \$6.00 per unit through Resolution 899 in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Lynden Municipal Code 13.32.070 (D) authorizes the Finance Director to periodically perform financial review of the Utility and recommend changes to the Council

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has performed a financial analysis of the Utility, and has determined that the monthly rate could be charged up to \$21.00 per unit.

WHEREAS, the foregoing recitals are a material part of this resolution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lynden, Whatcom County, Washington that:

Section 1: The monthly rate for the Ambulance Utility Service Fee for each billing unit in a user classification shall be:

Ambulance Utility Service Fee		
User Classification	Monthly Rate per Billing Unit	Billing Unit
Single Family Residential	\$12.00	1 billing unit per dwelling unit
Multi-Family Residential	\$12.00	1 billing unit per dwelling unit
Assisted Living/Nursing Homes	\$12.00	1 billing unit per room occupied for residence excluding rooms occupied by Medicaid eligible persons
Adult family homes/boarding homes	\$12.00	1 billing unit per dwelling unit excluding homes in which the owner is Medicaid eligible and resides therein
Commercial / Non-profit business not listed in other categories	\$12.00	1 billing unit per each separate physical location of the business
Public	\$12.00	1 billing unit per separate physical location in which the public business is conducted
Hotel/Motel	\$12.00	1 billing unit per room x percentage occupancy; new hotel/motel is 1 billing unit per room x 40% during the first year only
Campground	\$12.00	1 billing unit per restroom
Fairgrounds	\$12.00	1 billing unit per water meter

Section 2: The rates listed in Section 1 shall be implemented beginning January 1, 2025

Section 3: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this code and each section, regardless of whether any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases has been declared invalid or unconstitutional, and if for any reason this Resolution is declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the original Resolution or Resolutions shall be in full force and effect.

Section 4: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect on _____, 2024.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF ____ IN FAVOR AND ____ IN OPPOSITION, AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor Scott Korthuis

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

City Clerk Pam Brown

City Attorney Bob Carmichael