

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 52-22-01
of the
City Manager of the City of Eugene

**REGARDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON A PROPOSAL
TO AMEND THE FIREMED MEMBERSHIP FEE.**

The City Manager of the City of Eugene finds as follows:

A. Section 2.020 of the Eugene Code, 1971, authorizes the City Manager to determine and set fees and charges to be imposed by the City for services, goods, use of municipal property, and licenses and permits. Pursuant to that authority, on April 15, 2002, I issued Administrative Order No. 52-02-02-F establishing the current FireMed membership fee.

B. In determining whether to amend the FireMed membership fee, in accordance with EC 2.020(2), I have considered the following factors: applicable policies, enactments and directives of the City Council; the amount charged for these services by the City in the past; the full costs of providing the services supported by the fees; the amounts charged by other comparable providers; and the revenue needs of the City as determined by the adopted City budget. (See Exhibit B)

C. Based on my consideration of the factors listed above, I propose the FireMed membership fee set forth in the Notice attached as Exhibit A to this Order.

On the basis of these findings, I order that:

- 1.** A copy of this Order with its exhibits shall be provided to the Mayor and City Councilors; and
- 2.** A Notice substantially conforming to the Notice attached as Exhibit A shall be made available to any persons who have requested such notice, and posted at two locations at City Hall.

Dated this 16 day of June, 2022.



Sarah Medary
City Manager

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
FIREMED MEMBERSHIP FEE.**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.020 of the Eugene Code, 1971, and as a result of an investigation of the revenue needs of the City in providing ambulance services, the City Manager is proposing to amend the \$65.00 FireMed membership fee currently collected by Life Flight Network, LLC, pursuant to City of Eugene Cooperative Utilization Contract number 2020-02679 and City of Springfield Independent Contractor Agreement, Contract #2530, to \$68.00, effective July 1, 2022.

Comments on the proposed fee may be submitted in writing to Tammy Smith, Eugene/Springfield Fire Department Budget Manager, 1705 W. 2nd Ave., Eugene, Oregon 97401, or via e-mail to TSmith@eugene-or.gov. To be considered, written and e-mail comments must be received within 15 days from the date posting as indicated below. If the City Manager chooses to take action after considering the comments received, the proposed fee will be adopted by administrative order.

Sarah Medary, City Manager

Date of Posting: June 21, 2022

**City Manager's Findings
Proposed FireMed Membership Fee Amendment**

Pursuant to Section 2.020(2) of the Eugene Code, 1971, the City Manager has considered the following factors in determining the proposed FireMed membership fee amendment:

(a) Applicable policies, enactments and directives of the Council.

Findings: FireMed helps fund Council goal of a Safe Community. FireMed revenues help fund ambulance transports provided by the City of Eugene. In addition, FireMed memberships allow citizens to decrease out of pocket expenses after a medical emergency.

(b) The amount charged by the City in the past.

Findings: This proposed fee is an increase over amounts charged by the City in the past but is reasonable in light of the City's increasing ambulance transport costs and the fees charged by other local jurisdictions, including the City of Springfield.

(c) The full costs of providing the service supported by the fee.

Findings: The Proposed FY23 budget for the Ambulance Transport Fund is almost \$14 million. The primary source of funding for this fund is ambulance billings which have a base rate \$1,859 per transport for city residents along with General Fund support to balance the fund.

(d) The amounts charged by other comparable providers.

Findings: The City of Springfield is also proposing to charge a \$68 fee for this service.

(e) The revenue needs of the City as determined by the adopted city budget.

Findings: The Ambulance Transport Fund has annually had a deficit balance the last few fiscal years and has needed support from both the General Fund and Community Safety Initiative Fund. FireMed was 6.7% of the revenue generated in FY21.

Signature: 
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