

**Ordinance No. 98639**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the business of ambulance service and amending Section 4 of Ordinance 90952 to increase rates of fare for ambulance services.

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YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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S. E.  
C. D.  
LIGHT

Ord 100957 AMENDS SEC 4 TO INCREASE RATES EFFECTIVE 5-1-72.

ORDINANCE 98639

AN ORDINANCE relating to the business of ambulance service and amending Section 4 of Ordinance 90952 to increase rates of fare for ambulance services.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 4 of Ordinance 90952, as last amended by Ordinance 95714, be further amended to read as follows:

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for anyone driving or operating an ambulance to charge, demand, collect or receive any greater or less rate of fare computed by the use of a taximeter than the following:

Base Rate:

Response to call and including first mile \$34.00

Mileage Rate:

For each additional mile or fraction thereof 1.00

Time Rate:

Waiting time or standby time at the request of the person hiring the ambulance or elapsed time necessitated by conditions beyond control of the operator at loading and/or discharge points or during the actual trip, for each 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> minute period or fraction thereof 1.00

Additional Stretcher Patients:

For each additional stretcher patient 16.00

Additional Sit-Up Patients:

For each additional sit-up patient 10.00

Rebates:

It shall be unlawful for any ambulance operator to give directly or indirectly, or cause to be given, any rebates, commissions, reserve

rebates, or any reduced rates or cash discounts to any person, or persons, or groups of any nature.

Total Charge:

The total charge shall be the sum of the appropriate "Base Rate" plus the "Mileage Rate" applied to the distance actually traveled with patient or patients, plus the "Time Rate" applied to requested or necessary waiting, standby time or trip time. All rates are to be computed from the time the ambulance arrives for hire until the ambulance is discharged by the patient or his authorized representative: Provided, that such rates and charges shall not apply to ambulance services rendered for the City or for any other governmental unit.

Every Ambulance Operator shall keep at the location for which his operator's license is issued, a chronological record showing each call for ambulance service ordered or made and the name and address of the person calling for said service, the name of the driver and attendant, the company number of the ambulance, the time and place of the origin and of the end of each ambulance trip, and the fee charged, and shall upon request of any person paying an ambulance charge furnish a receipt showing such information. Any receipt for service rendered given to the customer shall contain a statement that complaints may be referred to the City of Seattle Division of Licenses and Standards. Such records shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the Director of Public Health, the City Comptroller or Chief of Police or their designated agents.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate, or engage in the business of operating, ambulances, unless each of said

(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

ambulances are equipped with a taximeter inspected and approved by the City Comptroller. Approval by the City Comptroller shall be evidenced by his certificate which shall be plainly posted on the taximeter. In addition, the face of the meter shall have affixed thereto a lead-wire security seal bearing the City of Seattle approval impression. If such certificate of approval or security seal be defaced, broken or removed for any purpose, it shall be unlawful to operate the taximeter unless reinspected and approved by the City Comptroller.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 16 day of February, 1970, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 16 day of February, 1970.

Charles M. Carroll  
President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 20 day of February, 1970.

Mayor.

Filed by me this 20 day of February, 1970.

Attest: [Signature]  
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

(SEAL)

Published FEB 21 1970

By [Signature]  
Deputy Clerk.

# The City of Seattle--Legislative Department

MR. PRESIDENT:

Date Reported  
and Adopted

Your Committee on LICENSE

to which was referred C.B. 90185, relating to the business of ambulance service and amending Section 4 of Ordinance 90952 to increase rates of fare for ambulance services,

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that

THE SAME DO PASS.

THE SAME BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

*[Signature]*  
..... Chairman  
*Charles M. Carroll*

*[Signature]*  
..... Chairman

**ADOPTED**  
**FEB 16 1970**

CWL:rp 2/10/70  
File No. 263966 Committee

Committee

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AN ORDINANCE relating to the business of ambulance service and amending Section 4 of Ordinance #9352 to increase rates of fare for ambulance services.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 4 of Ordinance #9352, as last amended by Ordinance #5714, be further amended to read as follows:

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for anyone driving or operating an ambulance to charge, demand, collect or receive any greater or less rate of fare computed by use of a taximeter than the following:

BASE RATE:

Response to call and including first mile . . . . \$34.00

MILEAGE RATE:

For each additional mile or fraction thereof . . . . 1.00

TIME RATE:

Waiting time or standby time at the request of the person hiring the ambulance or elapsed time necessitated by conditions beyond control of the operator at loading and/or discharge points or during the actual trip, for each 3 1/2 minute period or fraction thereof . . . . . 1.00

ADDITIONAL STRETCHER PATIENTS:

For each additional stretcher patient . . . . 16.00

ADDITIONAL SIT-UP PATIENTS:

For each additional sit-up patient . . . . . 10.00

REBATES:

It shall be unlawful for any ambulance operator to give directly or indirectly, or cause to be given, any rebates, commissions, reserve rebates, or any reduced rates or cash discounts to any person, or persons, or groups of any nature.

TOTAL CHARGE:

The total charge shall be the sum of the appropriate "Base Rate" plus the "Mileage Rate" applied to the distance actually traveled with patient or patients, plus the "Time Rate" applied to requested or necessary waiting, standby time or trip time. All rates are to be computed from the time the ambulance arrives for hire until the ambulance is discharged by the patient or his authorized representative. Provided, that such rates and charges shall not apply to ambulance services rendered for the City or for any other governmental unit.

Every Ambulance Operator

# Affidavit of Publication

## STATE OF WASHINGTON, KING COUNTY—SS.

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below

stated period. The annexed notice, a

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was published on February 21, 1970



Subscribed and sworn to before me on

February 21, 1970



Notary Public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle.

(Note: RCW 43.22.060 states—"It shall not be necessary for a notary public in certifying an oath to be used in any of the courts in this state, to append an impression of his official seal.")