

---

**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

---

**ORDINANCE  
NUMBER 2022-054**

---

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING TITLE III  
(“ADMINISTRATION”), CHAPTER 33 (“FIRE AND POLICE  
DEPARTMENTS; EMERGENCY SERVICES”) SECTION 33.018  
(“FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES”) OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY CODE IN  
RELATION TO FIRE RECOVERY BILLING RATES**

---

**FRED BILOTTO, Mayor  
RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, City Clerk  
JAIRO FRAUSTO, City Treasurer**

**DEXTER JOHNSON  
LUIZ MONTOYA  
NANCY RITA  
BILL FAHRENWALD  
GABRIEL McGEE  
CANDACE CARR  
JOSH ROLL**

**Aldermen**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER**

**2022- 054**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING TITLE III  
("ADMINISTRATION"), CHAPTER 33 ("FIRE AND POLICE  
DEPARTMENTS; EMERGENCY SERVICES") SECTION 33.018 ("FIRE  
PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES") OF THE BLUE  
ISLAND CITY CODE IN RELATION TO FIRE RECOVERY  
BILLING RATES**

---

**WHEREAS**, the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") is a duly organized and existing City created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois and operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, with full powers to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions for the benefits of the residents of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Aldermen may from time to time amend ordinances of the City when it is determined to be in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the City and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has codified its ambulance billing procedures; but has not updated the billing rates since 2014;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Alderman have reviewed the current ordinance and have determined that it is necessary to amend the ambulance billing rates to bring those rates up to date, make the rates more comparable to neighboring communities, and allow the Fire Department to bring in additional revenue necessary to maintain the ambulance and medical services it provides.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Aldermen find that the following amendments to Title III, Chapter 33, Section 33.018 of the City Code, as set forth herein, are in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the City and its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Aldermen of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

**Section 1.** That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

**Section 2.** That the Mayor and City Aldermen find and determine that the adoption of this Ordinance is in the best interests of the City as well as in the best interests of the public.

**Section 3.** That Section 33.018 ("*Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services*") of Chapter 33 ("*Fire and Police Departments; Emergency Services*") of Title III ("*Administration*") is hereby amended by striking language and adding underlined language as follows:

**Section 33.018**

(B) Response, rescue and recovery services.

(1) Motor vehicle incidents. The following hourly rates shall apply for the provision of technical services to residents and nonresidents at the levels indicated for responses to motor vehicle incidents:

~~Level Rate Description 1 \$435~~ \$546.00 Includes hazardous materials assessment and scene stabilization.

~~Level 2 \$495~~ \$623.00 Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents) for hazardous fluid clean up and disposal including gasoline or other automotive fluids.

~~Level 3 \$605~~ \$760.00 Includes scene safety, tire suppression, breathing air, rescue tools, hand tools, hose, tip use, foam, structure protection, and clean up gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident involving a car fire.

Add On Services:

~~4-Extrication \$1,800~~ \$1,641.00 Includes heavy rescue tools, ropes, air bags, cribbing ~~and the like ect.~~ This charge will be added if the fire department has to free/remove anyone from the vehicle(s) using any equipment. The City will not bill at this level if the patient is simply unconscious and fire department is able to open the door to access the patient. This level is to be billed only if equipment is deployed.

from a vehicle using specialized equipment

Creating a Landing Zone \$502.00 Includes air care (multi-engine company response, mutual aid, helicopter). The City will bill at this level any time a helicopter landing zone is created and/or is utilized to transport the patient(s).

Itemized Response: The City has the option to bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates, for each incident using, itemized rates deemed usual, customary, and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus, per personnel, plus products and equipment used.

(2) Hazardous materials.

(2) Hazmat

The following hourly rates shall apply for the provision of technical services to residents and nonresidents at the levels indicated for responses involving hazardous materials:

Level 1 ~~Level Rate~~ Description - \$700 \$881.00. Basic response includes engine response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command.

Level 2 ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,146.00. Intermediate response includes Level 1 services, hazmat certified team and appropriate equipment, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment, and set-up and removal of decon center.

Level 3 ~~\$5,900~~ \$7,426.00 Advanced response includes Level 2 services, robot deployment, set-up and removal of decon center, detection equipment, recovery and identification of material, disposal and environment clean up, and disposal of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene. Includes three hours of on scene time and each additional hour shall be billed at ~~\$35600~~ each per Hazmat team.

(3) Fire Investigation

Fire Investigation Team - \$346.00 per hour. Includes: scene safety, investigation, source identification, K-9/Arson Dog Unit, Identification Equipment, Mobile Detection Unit, Fire Report. The claim begins when the Fire Investigator responds to the incident and is billed for logged time only.

(4) Fires

Assignment - \$503.00 per hour, per engine/ \$629.00 per hour, per truck. Includes: scene

safety, investigation, fire/hazard control. Billed at \$2,489.00 plus \$62.00 per hour per rescue person, plus \$126.00 per hour per HAZMAT team member.

(5) Back Country or Special Rescue

Itemized Response: Each incident will be billed with custom mitigation rates deemed usual, customary, and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus per hour, per trained rescue person per hour, plus rescue products used. Minimum billed is \$503.00 for the first response vehicle plus \$62.00 per rescue person. Additional rates of \$503.00 per hour per response vehicle and \$62.00 per hour per rescue person.

~~(3)~~ (6) False alarm.

It shall be unlawful for any person to maliciously turn on or cause to be turned on a false alarm and shall constitute a violation of this section and the offender shall be subject to the fees set forth in this section, unless provided otherwise in the city's comprehensive fee schedule. (a) First three false alarms within 12 months in a calendar year, \$0. (b) Subsequent false alarms in the same 12-month calendar year, \$250.

~~(4)~~ (7) Water incidents or rescues.

Level 1 \$400 plus \$50 per hour per rescue person. Basic response includes engine response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command, scene safety and investigation (including possible patient contact and hazard control)

Level 2 \$800 plus \$50 per hour, per rescue person. Intermediate response includes Level 1 services, clean up and material used (sorbents), minor hazardous clean up and disposal

Level 3 \$2,000 plus \$50 per hour, per rescue person; and \$100 per hour per Hazmat team member. Advanced response includes Level 2 services, P.A.R.T. activation, donning breathing apparatus and detection equipment, set up and removal of decon center, detection equipment, recovery and identification of material, and disposal and environment clean up.

~~(5) Equipment charges.~~

~~Charges for equipment used for the services identified in this section, including specialized rescue services and technical rescue services to the extent the same is not limited by law, may include the following hourly rates: Engine \$400 Truck \$500 Boat rescue \$400 Other/miscellaneous \$300~~

(8) Miscellaneous / Additional Time On Scene

Additional Time on Scene (for all levels of service): Engine billed at \$503.00 pper hour. Truck billed at \$629.00 per hour. Miscellaneous Equipment billed at \$378.00.

(9) Mitigation Rates

The mitigation rates above are average billing levels for one hour of service and are typical for the incident responses listed; however when a claim is submitted, it may be itemized and based

on the actual services provided.

**Section 4.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance.

**Section 5.** All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 6.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

*(Intentionally Left Blank)*

**ADOPTED** this 11th day of **October, 2022**, pursuant to roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman JOHNSON	X				
Alderman FAHRENWALD	X				
Alderman RITA	X				
Alderman MONTOYA	X				
Alderman MCGEE	X				
Alderman CARR	X				
Alderman ROLL	X				
Mayor BILOTTO					
	7				

**APPROVED** by the Mayor on **October 11, 2022**.

**FRED BILOTTO**  
**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,**  
**COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**ATTESTED** and Filed in my office this  
**11th** day of **OCTOBER, 2022**.

**RAEANN CANELO-ZYLMAN, CITY CLERK**

**PUBLISHED** in pamphlet form this  
**11th** day of **OCTOBER, 2022**.

**RAEANN CANELO-ZYLMAN, CITY CLERK**

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
                                          )  
COUNTY OF COOK        )        ss.

**CERTIFICATION**

**I, RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** I am the duly elected City Clerk of the City of Blue Island, Illinois, as such City Clerk, I am the keeper of the minutes and records of the Proceedings of the City Council of the said City and have in my custody the ORDINANCE and BOOKS of the records of said City.

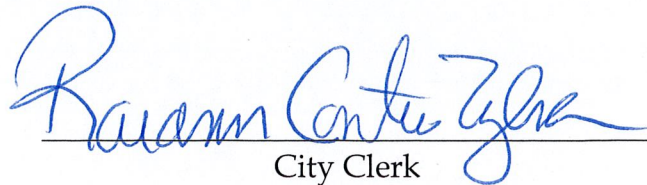
**I DO FURTHER CERTIFY** that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the certain **ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING TITLE III ("AMINISTRATION"), CHAPTER 33 ("FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS; EMERGENCY SERVICES") SECTION 33.018 ("FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES") OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY CODE IN RELATION TO FIRE RECOVERY BILLING RATES.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-054** which was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois held on the **11th day of October, 2022**; that at said meeting **7** Alderman were present; that at said meeting, on motion duly made and seconded that the Ordinance did pass and on the roll being called the vote of each Aldermen present on the question of the passage of said Ordinance was duly and separately taken by Ayes and Nays and their names and votes recorded in the minutes of **7** Alderman voted Aye and **0** Alderman voted Nay and **0** Alderman voted Abstain and **0** Alderman Absent.

**I DO FURTHER CERTIFY** that the original Ordinance which the foregoing is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safe keeping, and that I am the lawful keeper of the same.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the City of Blue Island aforesaid, at the said City in the County and State aforesaid, this **11th** day of **October, 2022**.

CORPORATE SEAL

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk



STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
                                          ) SS  
COUNTY OF COOK     )

**CERTIFICATE**

I, RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, certify that I am the duly elected and acting Municipal Clerk of the City of Blue Island of Cook County, Illinois.

I further certify that on **October 11, 2022** the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. **2022 - 054**  
Entitled: **ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING TITLE III ("AMINISTRATION"), CHAPTER 33 ("FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS; EMERGENCY SERVICES") SECTION 33.018 ("FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES") OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY CODE IN RELATION TO FIRE RECOVERY BILLING RATES.**

Which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. **2022 - 054** including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance posted in the municipal building commencing on **October 11, 2022** and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the municipal clerk.

DATED at Blue Island, Illinois, this **11th** day of **October, 2022**.

CORPORATE SEAL

  
CITY CLERK