

**AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING THOSE PORTIONS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY CODE SECTION  
2-137 DEALING WITH FEES IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE  
DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council adopted the Code of Ordinances on December 18, 2007, which was codified through Ordinance Number 1492; and,

WHEREAS, Article V of the Code deals with portions of the County's finances, and Section 2-137 sets certain fees within the County, including fees of the Charleston County Emergency Medical Service Department (EMS) for transporting patients and providing other services; and,

WHEREAS, Charleston County EMS has reviewed the current costs of supplying the various services and determined that fees need to be increased in order to reflect a portion of the actual cost of providing the services, therefore, it requests that it be allowed to increase its fees for the Charleston County EMS incidents; and,

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council finds that amending this Ordinance to increase the fees of the EMS is in the best interests of Charleston County; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by Charleston County Council, in meeting duly assembled, as followed:

**SECTION I. FINDINGS INCORPORATED**

The findings and recitals are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION II. TEXT CHANGE**

Charleston County Council amends Ordinance Number 1492 and authorizes the fees of the Charleston County EMS to be increased as reflected in the following table:

<b>TYPE OF SERVICE</b>	<b>NEW FEES</b>
BASE Basic Life Support (Emergency)	\$375.00
BASE Advanced Life Support 1 (Emergency)	\$425.00

BASE Advanced Life Support 2 (Emergency)	\$550.00	
Mileage (Urban)	\$8.50	Per
Mile		
Mileage (Rural)	\$10.25	Per
Mile		

### SECTION III. SEVERABILITY

If, for any reason, any part of this Ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

### SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval following third reading.