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:

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