

ORDINANCE NO. 3315

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Port Angeles, Washington amending the monthly EMS utility fee, effective February 15, 2008.

WHEREAS, the City of Port Angeles is authorized to set fees for the City's EMS utility under Chapter 13.73 of the Port Angeles City Code, RCW 35.21.766, and RCW 35.27.370(15); and

WHEREAS, the Port Angeles Fire Department performed a rate study to evaluate the calls for ambulance service within the City of Port Angeles and to recommend service fees for the EMS utility services consistent with accepted principles of utility rate setting; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department presented its recommended rates to the City's Utility Advisory Committee and to the City's Medic I Advisory Board for review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2008, the City's Utility Advisory Committee reviewed the Department's proposal and recommended that the City Council approve the rates set forth in this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Department's study found distinct differences in demands placed on the utility among the following classifications:

1. Residential
2. Adult family homes
3. Assisted living facilities
4. 24-Hour nursing facilities
5. Group homes
6. Jail facilities
7. Schools
8. Commercial/Business
9. City public areas

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Port Angeles do ordain as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby adopts the findings and conclusions contained in the recitals set out above.

Section 2. Section 13.73.400 PAMC is amended to read as follows:

13.73.400 Charges Established. In accordance with the rate study presented to the City Council, the base rates and fees for the Utility shall be as follows:

<u>User Classification</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Residential	\$44.85 <u>\$49.17</u> per year - per unit
Adult family homes *	\$1,454.00 <u>\$630.00</u> per year - per classification
Assisted living facilities *	\$9,925.00 <u>\$10,839.00</u> per year - per classification
24-Hour nursing facilities *	\$7,319.00 <u>\$7,332.00</u> per year - per classification
Group homes *	\$2,067.00 <u>\$1,737.00</u> per year - per classification
Jail facilities *	\$1,454.00 <u>\$1,192.00</u> per year - per classification
Schools *	\$1,333.00 <u>\$2,454.00</u> per year - per classification
Commercial/Business	\$47.20 <u>\$50.70</u> per year - per unit
City public areas	\$15,042.00 <u>\$15,402.00</u> per year - per classification

* ~~The annual demand allocation is based upon the overall utilization percentage of each individual unit within the same classification.~~ Rates for individual facilities vary based upon their percentage of use within that classification. For individual facility rates, see Exhibit A.

Section 3. Nothing contained herein shall affect the amount or collection of rates, fees, and charges established prior to February 15, 2008.

Section 4 - Corrections. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of the scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 5 - Severability. If any provisions of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstances, are held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance, or application of the provisions of the Ordinance to other persons or circumstances, is not affected.

Section 6 - Effective Date. This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum. This ordinance shall take effect February 15, 2008.

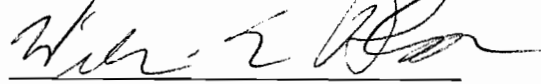
PASSED by the City Council of the City of Port Angeles, Washington, at its regular meeting on the 5th day of February, 2008.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


Becky J. Upton, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


William E. Bloor, City Attorney

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