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**ORDINANCE APPROVED AT THE CITY OF DOUGLAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2019**

ORDINANCE NO. 18-1097

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18-1086 READJUSTING FEES FOR THE DOUGLAS FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) AND APPLY FOR AUTOMATIC RATE ADJUSTMENTS PER A.R.S. 36-2234(E).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CITY OF DOUGLAS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, 425 10TH STREET, C/O BRENDA AGUILAR, CITY CLERK AND/OR ON THE CITY'S WEBPAGE: [WWW.DOUGLASAZ.GOV](http://WWW DOUGLASAZ GOV).

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18-1086 READJUSTING FEES FOR THE DOUGLAS FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) AND APPLY FOR AUTOMATIC RATE ADJUSTMENTS PER A.R.S. 36-2234(E), ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY OF COMPONENTS OF ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Douglas Fire Department has been charging below the state-wide average ambulance service rates to regional users as well as residents of the City of Douglas, and

WHEREAS, the charging of reasonable fees for the use of the Douglas Fire Department ambulance ground transportation is necessary and appropriate to cover Emergency Medical Services (EMS) operational and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) transport rates are fair and reasonable and take into consideration the various demands of the general public and the City's need to maintain this public facility financially viable; and

WHEREAS, AZDHS reviewed the City's proposal and on October 19, 2018, determined a different rate schedule for service based on state statute grading factors and their analysis on costs of providing service and for these reasons the City of Douglas Fire Department requires an amending ordinance to conform ambulance service rates to the AZDHS guidelines.

WHEREAS, AZDHS recommends to apply for automatic annual rate adjustments per Arizona Revised Statutes 36-2234(E) in accordance to the transportation and medical consumer price index adjusted by the United States Department of Labor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. Amending Ordinance No. 18-1086 and readjusting the fee schedule and rates for Emergency Medical Services shall be set as follows:

EMS Transport rates for both Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advance Life Support (ALS) \$1,323.53
EMS Mileage rate - \$ 11.18
EMS Standby/Waiting Time - \$ 330.88

Section 2. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage by the Mayor and Council.

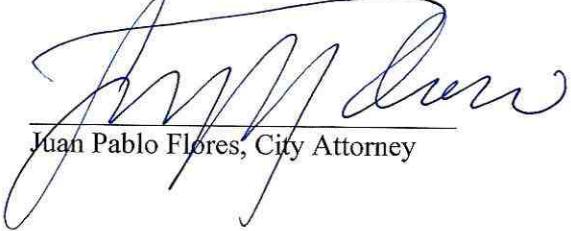
Section 3. Severability: If any chapter, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance and this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect after the deletion of the illegal or unconstitutional provision.

1 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Arizona, this 23rd day of
2 January, 2019.

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8 Brenda Aguilar, City Clerk

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Approved as to form:

Robert Uribe, Mayor


Juan Pablo Flores, City Attorney