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Committee: Finance Committee	Date: 5/12/2015
Common Council Item Number: 15-2495	Date: 5/19/2015
Submitted By: Steve Howard, Acting Fire Chief	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator
Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director	City Attorney's Office Review:
Subject: The Department would like to introduce for discussion to the Finance Committee a change in our billing rates. As our current structure is not affording us the ability to recoup the costs of delivering services, an adjustment would align our rates close to "reasonable and customary" charges that would be reimbursed by insurance companies. This would also create an opportunity to implement a "soft collection" policy for City residents. Ultimately, the increased revenue could be used to provide funding for unfunded Fire Department positions and would support the tax levy.	

Details:

Refer to attached letter.

Options & Alternatives:

Refer to attached letter

Financial Remarks:

Adoption of the modification to our current EMS billing rates and the implementation of a "soft collection" policy will result in an increase of revenue approximately \$500,000 in 2016 if implemented by 10-1-2015. Please refer to attached documentation for additional details and statistical information.

Executive Recommendation:

This matter is being presented to the Finance Committee for discussion purposes only, at this time.

Committee Recommendation:

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