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Committee: Finance	Date: 5/25/2021
Common Council Item Number: ID#21-2251	Date: 6/1/2021
Submitted By: Steve Howard, Fire Chief	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator
Finance Department Review: Bridget Souffrant, Finance Director Click here to enter	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney Click here to enter text.
Subject: The Fire Department is seeking approval from the Finance Committee and Common Council to review and adopt a fee increase for Emergency Medical Services (EMS).	

Details:
 The City of Waukesha Fire Department is recommending that the Finance Committee and Common Council review and adopt a fee increase for Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The department has worked closely with representatives of Andres Medical Billing (AMB) to conduct a rate analysis as of part of our 2022 budget preparation. As a result, we are requesting a \$300 increase to Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) Services. We would like to spread this increase over a 3-year period, with a \$100 increase starting 07/01/2021, an additional \$100 increase starting 01/01/2022, and the final increase of \$100 to start 01/01/2023. The increase is consistent with "Usual and Customary" payments from private insurance and would generate an estimated \$21,360 of additional revenue in 2021, \$39,020 of additional revenue in 2022, and \$35,320 of additional revenue in 2023. EMS responses account for 85% of our responses. The total revenue generated from billing for EMS services will not exceed the cities expenditures for providing the services to the community.

Options & Alternatives:
 An alternative to this request would be not to increase the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) fees, and not capture the additional \$21,360 in revenue in 2021, \$39,020 in 2022, and \$35,320 in 2023.

Financial Remarks:
 The overall fee increase will be included in the 2022-2023 Operating Budgets 2213-45240.

Executive Recommendation:
 The City Administrator is supportive of this fee increase.

