

RESOLUTION 2026

COUNCIL MEMBER --- INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE 2026 RATE ANALYSIS FOR THE BLAIR RESCUE SQUAD AND AUTHORIZING A RATE INCREASE FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the City of Blair has received a 2026 Rate Analysis prepared for the Blair Rescue Squad to assist in evaluating current ambulance service fees; and

WHEREAS, the analysis identifies factors influencing ambulance service costs, including the 2026 Ambulance Inflation Factor of approximately 2.0%, along with increases in fuel, equipment, personnel, and regulatory costs;

WHEREAS, the analysis also references the Medicare Part B Ambulance Fee Schedule, which establishes national payment limits adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index;

WHEREAS, the review compares local rates with regional benchmarks and Medicare allowable rates to support sustainable and competitive pricing;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of maintaining financially sustainable emergency medical services while continuing to provide high-quality care to the community; and

WHEREAS, periodic review of ambulance service rates is necessary to ensure adequate funding and operational stability of the Blair Rescue Squad.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAIR, NEBRASKA, THAT:

1. The 2026 Rate Analysis for the Blair Rescue Squad is hereby accepted and placed on file.
2. The City Council accepts the increase in ambulance service rates in light of the findings presented in the analysis.
3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

COUNCIL MEMBER --- MOVED THAT THE RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED AS READ, WHICH SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ----. UPON ROLL CALL, COUNCIL MEMBERS ----- VOTING "AYE" AND COUNCIL MEMBERS --- VOTING "NAY," THE MAYOR DECLARED THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF MAY 2026.

CITY OF BLAIR, NEBRASKA

BY _____
MELINDA K. RUMP, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BRENDA WHEELER, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
):ss:
WASHINGTON COUNTY)

BRENDA WHEELER, hereby certifies that she is the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Blair, Nebraska, and that the above and foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of said City held on the 26th day of May 2026.

BRENDA WHEELER, CITY CLERK