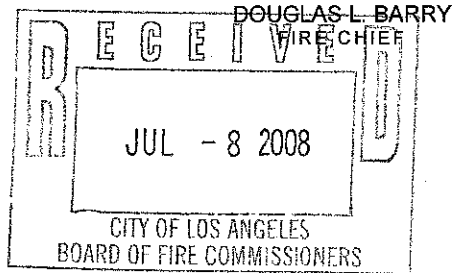


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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. *08-103*

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Douglas L. Barry, Fire Chief *DLB*
SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 FEES FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES**

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
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For Information Only

Section 22.210.2 of the Administrative Code instructs the Fire Chief with the cooperation of the Office of the City Administrative Officer to review the rates for Emergency Ambulance charges and make recommendations for modification to the City Council on a yearly basis.

The attached report on the Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 Fees for Emergency Ambulance Services was submitted to City Council for approval.

It is recommended that the Board receive and file the report.

Board report prepared by Muriel Gee, Senior Management Analyst I, Bureau of Administrative Services.

Attachment

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June 9, 2008

Honorable Eric Garcetti
President, Los Angeles City Council
Room 470, City Hall

Dear Council President Garcetti:

2008-2009 Update of Fees for Emergency Ambulance Services

In accordance with Executive Directive Number FM-3, a recommendation for an increase in fees for emergency ambulance services is submitted for your consideration. The recommendation is based on the most recent cost recovery schedule and has been reviewed and concurred by the City Administrative Officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Advanced Life Support (ALS) response and transport fee be increased 12.88% from \$889 to \$1,004.
2. The Basic Life Support (BLS) response and transport fee be increased 14.47% from \$622 to \$712.
3. The Mileage rate be increased 8.62% from \$14.50 to \$15.75 per one-way mile traveled per patient.
4. The City Attorney be instructed to prepare and present an Ordinance within 30 days with similar effect to that proposed in this report, that would amend the Schedule of Charges for Emergency Service Table, found in Los Angeles Administrative Code Sec. 22.210.2, to reflect the changes in ALS, BLS, and mileage rates. Once approved, the Ordinance is to be submitted forthwith to the Mayor for signature.

Table 2 compares proposed LAFD rates to proposed Los Angeles County rates. LAFD's proposed ALS fee is 2.19% (\$22) higher than Los Angeles County. LAFD's proposed BLS fee is 1.71% (\$12) higher than Los Angeles County. The LAFD proposed ALS fee and the proposed BLS fee include the cost of medical supplies whereas the Los Angeles County proposed rates do not include the cost of medical supplies. The Los Angeles County charges medical supplies based on the specific supplies used. There is no difference in one-way mileage fee.

Table 2	County Proposed Rates	LAFD Proposed Rates	Difference
ALS Fee, per transport	\$ 982.00	\$ 1004.00	2.19%
BLS Fee, per transport	\$ 700.00	\$ 712.00	1.71%
One-Way Mileage, per mile	\$ 15.75	\$ 15.75	0%

REVENUE

The estimated effective date of the fee increase is October 1, 2008. Based on the estimated effective date of fee increase, revenue for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is expected to be \$56,383,618. This revenue has already been included in the Council approved Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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Fire Chief

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