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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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FIRE CHIEF

June 2, 2010

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 10-055

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Millage Peaks, Fire Chief *ed.R.*

SUBJECT: **EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2010 – 2011**

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 Withdrawn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 2010 – 2011 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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May 14, 2010

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk
Room 360, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Members:

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES FEE INCREASE

In accordance with the City's financial policy of full cost recovery, a recommendation for an increase in the 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) fee be increased from \$1,004 to \$1,373 (+36.75%).
2. The Basic Life Support (BLS) fee be increased from \$712 to \$974 (+36.75%).
3. The Mileage rate to remain at \$15.75 per one-way mile.
4. The City Attorney be instructed to amend the Los Angeles Administrative Code Sec. 22.210.2 Schedule of Charges for Emergency Service table to reflect the changes in the ALS, and BLS rates (draft amendment attached). The changes will be made through Schedule H of the budget process.

FINDINGS

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The men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) are committed to providing outstanding emergency medical service, fire protection service, and fire

prevention services to the citizens of the City of Los Angeles. The Department is ready to respond to emergencies and disasters 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Resources dedicated to respond to emergency medical service type incidents are staffed by LAFD firefighters trained as Emergency Medical Technicians and/or Paramedics. These resources include paramedic rescue ambulances, basic life support ambulances, assessment engines, and assessment light forces.

The cost of the Emergency Medical Service Program consists of direct and indirect costs including salaries, supplies, and expenses related to operations of the Emergency Medical Service Program. The personnel costs include the proportionate percentage of personnel assigned to 89 paramedic rescue ambulances, 38 basic life support ambulances, 101 engine companies, and 49 light forces. The paramedic rescue and basic life support ambulance personnel are 100% dedicated to the Emergency Medical Service Program. Approximately 7% of the Total "on-call" Engine Hours are spent responding to actual emergency medical incidents. Approximately 3% of the Total "on-call" Light Force Hours are spent responding to actual emergency medical incidents. In addition to the cost of the ambulance personnel, the Emergency Medical Service Program personnel costs include 7% of total engines personnel cost and 3% of total light forces personnel cost.

The remaining 93% of Total "on-call" Engine Hours, and 97% of Total "on-call" Light Force Hours consists of fire protection services, fire prevention services, stand by hours, and other activities. These hours have not been included in the cost of the Emergency Medical Service Program.

Based on the total cost of the Emergency Medical Service Program, the Emergency Ambulance Service fees are then determined.

Using the proposed fiscal year 2010-2011 Budget, average salaries, and the approved Cost Allocation Plan (CAP) 31 rates, the cost of the Emergency Ambulance Service program was determined to be approximately \$225 million yearly. Using an average of 176,826 billable transport a year, it is necessary that the ALS Fee be increased to \$1,373, and the BLS Fee be increased to \$974, in order to cover the cost of the Emergency Medical Service Program.

The table below summarizes the current LAFD and proposed Emergency Ambulance Service fees for fiscal year 2010-2011 and shows a 36.75% increase in the ALS and BLS fees.

Emergency Ambulance Service	LAFD Current Rates Effective April 4, 2009	LAFD Proposed Rates	Percent Increase
ALS Fee, per transport	\$1,004.00	\$1,373.00	36.75%
BLS Fee, per transport	\$ 712.00	\$ 974.00	36.75%
One-Way Mileage, per mile	\$ 15.75	\$ 15.75	0%

REVENUE

Assuming an implementation date of July 1, 2010, it is estimated that increasing the ALS and BLS rates by 36.75% will generate an additional \$6 million in revenue in fiscal year 2010-2011. The emergency medical service revenue received in fiscal year 2008-2009 was \$58 million.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Millage Peaks", with a stylized flourish at the end.

MILLAGE PEAKS
Fire Chief

Attachment

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Section 22.210.2 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Schedule of Charges for Emergency Services to increase the Basic Life Support and the Advanced Life Support fees.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 22.210.2 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Schedule of Charges for Emergency Services is amended to read:

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE RENDERED BY CITY PERSONNEL	CHARGES
Basic Life Support Fee, Each Patient	\$ 974.00
Advanced Life Support Fee, Each Patient	\$1,373.00
Mileage One Way – Per Mile	\$ 15.75

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of _____.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk

By _____
Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality


CARMEN A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

By _____
JANET JACKSON
Deputy City Attorney

Date _____

Council File No. _____

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TRANSMITTAL		
TO The Los Angeles Fire Department	DATE 05-13-10	COUNCIL FILE NO. --
FROM The City Administrative Officer		COUNCIL DISTRICT ALL
<p style="text-align: center;">Proposed Emergency Ambulance Services Fees for Fiscal Year 2010-11</p> <p>In accordance with the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the City Administrative Officer (CAO) has reviewed the proposed increase in Emergency Ambulance Services fees for Fiscal Year 2010-11 (Attachment). In compliance with the City's Financial Policies requiring full cost recovery for special services, the CAO concurs with the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) on the proposed Emergency Ambulance Services fee calculations and fee increases for 2010-11.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> MIGUEL A. SANTANA City Administrative Officer</p> <p>MAS:MCD:04100155dl</p>		

