



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING CHAPTER 15 - FIRE FEES OF THE CITY'S MASTER FEE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE ANCILLARY AMBULANCE FEES

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

An amendment of the City's Master Fee Schedule to establish Ancillary Ambulance Fees for the Emergency Medical Transport program within the Fire Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

On January 28, 2020 Fire Department staff along with AP Triton consultants presented to Council an overview of the plan for fire department-based ambulance transport. At that time, City Council approved Chula Vista Council resolution 2020-014 directing the City Manager to engage in all necessary administrative actions to implement fire department-based emergency medical transport services, to begin negotiations for contractual service with the City of Imperial Beach and the Bonita Sunnyside Fire Protection District, and to bring back for City Council consideration and approval any required Council level implementation actions.

The City has the authority to provide emergency medical transport services itself under applicable state and local law including California Health & Safety Code Sections 1797.201 and 1797.224, the City Charter [Section 200], and Chula Vista Municipal Code Section 5.10.310.

On May 12th City Council approved Chula Vista Council Resolution 2020-102 directing the Fire Department to provide exclusive Emergency Medical Ambulance Transport Services within the City of Chula Vista, the City of Imperial Beach and the Bonita Sunnyside Fire Protection district. In the resolution were revenue projections that included both a base rate and ancillary fees multiplied by the volume of transports to reach projected FY22 revenues. The resolution adopted a rate of \$2,800 as the “Base Cost of Service”.

Service Area Transport

Payer	Base	Miles	O2	Night	Total	Transports	Net Revenue
Commercial	\$2,800.00	\$292.15	\$104.70	\$76.60	\$3,273.45	3,267	\$9,090,206.98
Medicare	\$2,800.00	\$292.15	\$104.70	\$76.60	\$3,273.45	7,051	\$3,692,975.35
MediCal	\$2,800.00	\$292.15	\$104.70	\$76.60	\$3,273.45	4,729	\$774,007.25
Private	\$2,800.00	\$292.15	\$104.70	\$76.60	\$3,273.45	2,149	\$351,732.20
						17,196	\$13,908,921.78
Supplemental IGT							\$2,383,405
TOTAL							\$16,292,326.78

In addition to the adopted base rate the Fire Department must also update the Master Fee Schedule to include Ancillary Ambulance Fees. After careful consideration and review of County and State survey averages, the Fire Department has determined to adopt the ancillary fees previously presented in the May 12th referenced council resolution, displayed above. Ancillary fees and previously adopted base rate are displayed above and include no changes to projected FY22 revenues. The below table represents the County and State survey rates that were utilized in the determination for the proposed adopted rates.

Rate Source	Mileage Rate Per Transport Mile	Oxygen	Night
Current-AMR	\$43.33	\$156.54	\$155.09
*County Ambulance Rate Survey	\$38.88	\$123.49	\$75.23
Proposed Rate	\$41.73	\$104.70	\$76.60

*2019 San Diego County Ambulance Rate Survey

The Fire Department, in conjunction with Finance and City Management will re-evaluate both the base and ancillary fee’s in approximately 12-18 months after collection data has been obtained and analyzed.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the 500-foot rule found in California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(11), is not applicable to this decision for purposes of determining a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov’t Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Councilmember, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

There are no General Fund costs associated with this action. Staff will return to council for approval of any future associated costs as necessary.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

Net revenue collected as part of the transport bill including these ancillary fees will have no negative fiscal impact to the City. There are no projected negative impacts to the general fund. With the estimates of current net revenue, all operational costs would be paid for from transport revenues. With the addition of supplemental federal reimbursement under the IGT program there is the potential to offset other current and eligible EMS related expenditures.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Proposed Master Fee Schedule, Fire Chapter 15 – Fire Fees, 15-300 Ancillary Ambulance fees

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