

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 12

SUBJECT: COUNTY FIRE-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: EXEMPTION FROM SPARE WHEEL REQUIREMENTS FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY AMBULANCES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Section 1103 requires ambulances to carry spare wheels with inflated tires of appropriate load rating and tools for wheel changes, while Section 1108 allows an exemption from these requirements upon a showing of good cause. Additionally, California Vehicle Code Section 2512 mandates an exemption for a period of not more than two years, upon request from the Board of Supervisors for reasons of public health and safety. Exemption from the spare wheel and tool requirements enables ambulances to carry additional medical equipment and supplies.

The Board previously requested exemptions on October 15, 2019 (6), which will expire November 26, 2021. Today's action requests continued exemption from the spare wheel requirements for ambulance service providers operating in San Diego County for the period of November 27, 2021 to November 26, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Approve, for good cause and in the interest of public health and safety, the action to request for exemption from the ambulance spare wheel and tools requirements for the period of November 27, 2021 to November 26, 2023 for the following San Diego County ambulance agencies, in accordance with California Vehicle Code, Section 2512, and California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Sections 1108(a) and (b).
 - a. American Medical Response, Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc., and Falck Mobile Health Corporation.
2. Authorize the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward the Board's request for exemption to: Department of California Highway Patrol, Enforcement Services Division, P.O. Box 942898, Sacramento, CA 94298-0001, Attention: Commercial Vehicles Section.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The San Diego County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office is committed to assuring that equity is considered in policy development, EMS resource availability, and EMS service provision in all areas where the County has jurisdictional influence and/or authority. Today's requested action removes unnecessary barriers for ambulance service providers to optimize space available in ambulance units for efficient and effective emergency medical service delivery in the County of San Diego.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter