

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 18**

**SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE CODE, RELATING TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Today's action requests that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approve amendments to Article XX of the San Diego County Administrative Code and waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts - Department responsibility for full cost recovery, related to fees charged for services by the County of San Diego (County) Emergency Medical Services Office (EMS). The Board last approved revisions to EMS's fees on May 4, 2021 (18).

By regularly reviewing costs and fees, departments can recuperate costs in a systematic manner, ensure all fees are fair and equitable, and enable stakeholders to plan for fee increases. In accordance with Board Policy B-29, County EMS recently reviewed eight fees and associated costs, and proposes adjustments to seven of those fees during Fiscal Year 2022-23, including five fee increases and two fee decreases. One fee remains unchanged. Attachment A is a summary comparison of current and proposed fees. The Auditor and Controller has reviewed and approved the supporting documentation and methodology for the proposed fee adjustments.

Today's request includes two steps. On March 15, 2022, the Board is asked to consider an Ordinance amending sections of the San Diego County Administrative Code related to EMS fees. If the Board takes actions as recommended, then on April 5, 2022, the proposed Ordinance will be brought back to the Board for consideration and adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

On March 15, 2022:

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery which requires full cost recovery for services.
2. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading), read title, and waive further reading of the Ordinance:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES  
SEC. 367. COUNTY SERVICE AREA 69 RESIDENT USER FEE.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES  
SEC. 369. COUNTY SERVICE AREA 17 RESIDENT USER FEE.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES FEES

SEC. 370. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES.

If, on March 15, 2022, the Board takes actions recommended in Items 1-2 above, then on April 5, 2022:  
Consider and adopt (second reading):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES FEES

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SERVICES FEES

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**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Services and oversight provided by the San Diego County Emergency Medical Services Office (EMS) is supported through a fee for individuals and agencies for the credentialing of prehospital personnel (Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics and Mobile Intensive Care Nurses), ambulance permitting and inspections for private agencies, approval for continuing education providers and the hospital specialty care designations for base stations and trauma centers. The EMS office provides this detailed level of oversight ensuring the San Diego community receives equitable medical care by appropriately licensed and verified personnel, properly permitted transport vehicles and appropriately designated hospital facilities.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact in the current fiscal year. If approved, additional funds from the revised EMS fees, estimated at \$112,000, will be included in the Fiscal Year 2022-24 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for San Diego County Fire. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, to further consider and adopt the Ordinances on April 5, 2022.

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