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November 4, 1993

Law and Legislation Committee  
City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL TO SET FEES  
FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE  
CITY OF SACRAMENTO FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT** City-wide

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Law and Legislation Committee review the proposed ordinance relating to establishment of fees for emergency ambulance services and forward it to City Council with a recommendation for approval.

**CONTACT PERSON** Rick Martinez, Division Chief, 264-5352

**FOR LAW AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF** November 16, 1993

**SUMMARY**

This report presents an ordinance authorizing the City Council to establish rates, fees and charges for emergency ambulance services provided by the City of Sacramento Fire Department.

**BACKGROUND**

On September 7, 1993, the City Council by resolution authorized the implementation of an Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Transportation system by the City of Sacramento Fire Department, to begin operations on January 1, 1994. The system is to be supported by billing for the costs incurred in the delivery of this service. This ordinance authorizes the

City Council to set fees, rates and charges for this billing. The ordinance will be submitted to City Council with a resolution establishing rates, fees and charges. The time periods, 5% penalty and interest charges of 1% per month for past due bills are standard for emergency ambulance service billings.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This ordinance will allow the City to bill for emergency ambulance services to recover costs of the program.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

This ordinance is consistent with the City Council's decision to establish an operational ALS and transportation system that is self-supporting.

**MBE/WBE EFFORTS**

None applicable

Respectfully submitted,



DENNIS SMITH  
Acting Fire Chief

Recommendation approved:



DAVID MARTINEZ  
Deputy City Manager

# ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

## AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 15.01.112 TO TITLE 15 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO FIRE DEPARTMENT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

### SECTION 1.

Section 15.01.112 is hereby added to Title 15 of the Sacramento City Code, to read as follows:

#### **Section 15.01.112 Establishment of Rates, Fees or Charges for Emergency Ambulance Services.**

- (a) The City Council shall set rates, fees and charges for emergency ambulance services by resolution.
- (b) Every person receiving emergency ambulance services from the City shall be liable for the rates, fees and charges for that service, as established by resolution of the City Council.
- (c) Bills for emergency ambulance services shall be due upon presentation of the bill for services. Charges unpaid 90 days after presentation become past due. Charges that remain unpaid 30 days following the past due date shall be assessed a 5% penalty. Interest shall accrue on any charges unpaid from the past due date until paid at the rate of 1% per month.
- (d) The rates, fees and charges imposed for ambulance service shall not exceed City's estimated actual cost to provide emergency ambulance service.

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