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1 [Private Ambulance Regulatory Fee Payments.]

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3 **Ordinance amending Business and Tax Regulations Code Section 249.8 to require**  
4 **payment of private ambulance regulatory fees to the Department of Emergency**  
5 **Management rather than to the City Treasurer.**

6 NOTE: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;  
7 deletions are ~~strike-through italics Times New Roman~~.  
8 Board amendment additions are double-underlined;  
9 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough-normal~~.

9 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

10 Section 1. The San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended  
11 by amending Section 249.8, to read as follows:

12 **SEC. 249.8. PRIVATE AMBULANCES**

13 (a) Every person, firm or corporation engaged in operating a private ambulance that  
14 requires a Certificate of Operation ~~from the Health Department~~ shall pay an initial application fee  
15 of \$10,000 at the time of filing the initial application, and an annual renewal fee of \$5,000 to  
16 the Department of Emergency Management~~City Treasurer~~.

17 (b) Every person, firm or corporation holding a Certificate of Operation must also pay  
18 an annual ambulance permit fee of \$1,600 for each vehicle to the City Treasurer. Effective  
19 July 1, 2010, this fee must be paid to the Department of Emergency Management.

20 (c) As authorized by Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, the following fees  
21 are due and payable to the Department of Emergency Management~~City Treasurer~~ by every  
22 person, firm or corporation applying for and renewing the certification for an Emergency  
23 Medical Services ("EMS") Training Program:

1 (1) EMS Training Program Initial Application: \$1,775 for a Paramedic Program,  
2 \$1,185 for an Emergency Medical Technician ("EMT") Program, and \$595 for a Continuing  
3 Education Program.

4 (2) EMS Training Program Renewal, due every four years from the time of the last  
5 renewal: \$890 for a Paramedic Program, \$650 for an EMT Program, and \$360 for a  
6 Continuing Education Program.

7 (d) As authorized by Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations and Section  
8 1797.212 of the California Health and Safety Code, the following fees are due and payable to  
9 the Department of Emergency Management-EMS Agency of the Department of Public Health by  
10 persons applying for and renewing EMT Certificates:

11 (1) EMT Certificate, not including EMT-Paramedic: \$34 due every two years.

12 (2) EMT-Paramedic Accreditation: \$31 for the initial application only.

13 (e) As authorized by Sections 1798, 1798.2, and 1798.164 of the California Health  
14 and Safety Code, the following fees are due and payable annually in advance to the  
15 Department of Emergency Management-City Treasurer by the following facilities (as defined in  
16 Section 901 of the San Francisco Health Code) that receive patients through Ambulance  
17 Service Providers:

18 (1) Receiving Hospital: \$10,719.

19 (2) STEMI (ST segment elevation myocardial infarction) Heart Attack Center:  
20 \$13,310.

21 (f) The fees in this section shall be retroactive and effective as of May 1, 2009.

22 (g) Beginning with fiscal year 2009-2010 and annually thereafter, the fees set forth in this  
23 section may be adjusted each year, without further action by the Board of Supervisors, as set  
24 forth in this subsection. Not later than April 1, the Director of the Department of Emergency  
25 Management shall report to the Controller the revenues generated by the fees for the prior

1 fiscal year and the prior fiscal year's costs of operation, as well as any other information that  
2 the Controller determines appropriate to the performance of the duties set forth in this Article.  
3 Not later than May 15, the Controller shall determine whether the current fees have produced  
4 or are projected to produce revenues sufficient to support the costs of providing the services  
5 for which the fee is assessed and that the fees will not produce revenue that is significantly  
6 more than the costs of providing the services for which the fee is assessed. The Controller  
7 shall, if necessary, adjust the fees upward or downward for the upcoming fiscal year as  
8 appropriate to ensure that the program recovers the costs of operation without producing  
9 revenue that is significantly more than such costs. The adjusted rates shall become operative  
10 on July 1.

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12 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Private Ambulance Regulatory Fee Payments.]

**Ordinance amending Business and Tax Regulations Code Section 249.8 to require payment of private ambulance regulatory fees to the Department of Emergency Management rather than to the City Treasurer.**

Existing Law

Business and Tax Regulations Code Section 249.8 requires payment of private ambulance regulatory fees to the City Treasurer.

Amendments to Current Law

Under the proposed ordinance, private ambulance providers would pay the fees to the Department of Emergency Management.

Background Information

The San Francisco Emergency Medical Services Agency moved in 2009 from the Department of Public Health to the Department of Emergency Management. The Department of Emergency Management is in a better position to track and collect private ambulance fee payments than the City Treasurer.







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MEMORANDUM

TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Amiee Alden, Department of Emergency Management  
DATE: February 1, 2010  
RE: **EMSA Fee Legislation**

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The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) requests to introduce the attached legislation that would amend the Business and Tax Regulation Code to designate DEM as the City agency that collects the existing fees related to emergency medical services. These fees are currently paid by ambulance providers, hospitals, and paramedics in order to be certified to provide emergency medical care in the City. As you know, DEM absorbed the Emergency Management Services Agency from the Department of Public Health last year.

This legislation does not create new City fees. Instead, it consolidates under DEM the various existing fees that are currently collected by the Treasurer/Tax Collector and the Department of Public Health – these agencies support this legislation. This will streamline the permit process so that providers can pay their fees in one place and quickly get certified to provide emergency care in San Francisco.

We would like to introduce this legislation at the next Board of Supervisors meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 558-3803. Thank you.

