

1 [Exemption from Requirement that Ambulances Carry Spare Tire and Jack.]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Fire Department to be exempt from California**
4 **Code of Regulations Title 13, Division 2, Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 1103(e) and (f),**
5 **requiring ambulances to carry spare tire and jack.**

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7 WHEREAS, The California Code of Regulations Title 13, Division 2, Chapter 5, Article
8 1, Section 1103(e) and (f) requires all ambulances within the State to carry “a spare wheel
9 with inflated tire” and “a jack and tools for wheel changes”; and,

10 WHEREAS, The California Vehicle Code Section 2512 requires the Commissioner of
11 the California Highway Patrol to grant an exemption to the requirement upon request of the
12 Board of Supervisors for non-commercial ambulances; and,

13 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department operates non-commercial
14 ambulances; and,

15 WHEREAS, The California Code of Regulations Section 1108(b) states that the
16 Commissioner will grant the exemption upon a request that contains the ambulance service
17 name, the specific exemption requested, a finding from the county emergency medical care
18 committee, and a finding from the Board of Supervisors that the exemption is necessary for
19 public health and safety; and,

20 WHEREAS, The Medical Director of the local Emergency Medical Services Section
21 finds that the exemption is justified and has consented to the exemption; and,

22 WHEREAS, Without such an exemption, San Francisco Fire Department’s ambulances
23 will be unable to carry sufficient equipment to appropriately respond to medical emergencies
24 in San Francisco; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department has 24-hour, seven days a week
2 emergency tire service available through the City's Central Shops; and,

3 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is 49 square miles, enabling quick
4 response from the 24-hour repair service; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that an exemption from Title 13,
6 Division 2, Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 1103(e) and (f) is necessary for public health and
7 safety; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the San Francisco
9 Fire Department to be exempt from California Code of Regulations Title 13, Division 2,
10 Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 1103(e) and (f), requiring ambulances to carry spare tire and
11 jack; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors shall send a letter requesting
13 the exemption to the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol.