

1 [Business and Tax Regulations Code - Emergency Medical Services Fees]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to update emergency**  
 4 **medical services fees to reflect amounts currently authorized and charged under**  
 5 **annual adjustment provisions, and to require that the fees be paid to the Department of**  
 6 **Emergency Management rather than the Department of Public Health.**

7 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
 8 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
 9 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.  
 10 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
 11 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
 12 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
 13 subsections or parts of tables.

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

15 Section 1. The Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended by revising  
 16 Section 249.8, to read as follows:

17 **SEC. 249.8. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.**

18 (a) Every person, firm, or corporation engaged in operating a private ambulance that  
 19 requires a Certificate of Operation shall pay an initial application fee of ~~\$12,193~~ ~~\$10,000~~ at the  
 20 time of filing the initial application, and an annual renewal fee of ~~\$6,096~~ ~~\$5,000~~ to the  
 21 Department of *Emergency Management Public Health*.

22 (b) Every person, firm, or corporation holding a Certificate of Operation must also pay  
 23 an annual ambulance permit fee of ~~\$1,950~~ ~~\$1,600~~ for each vehicle to the Department of  
 24 *Emergency Management Public Health*.

25 (c) As authorized by *Section 100083 of* Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations,  
 the following fees are due and payable to the Department of *Emergency Management Public*

1 ~~Health~~ by every person, firm, or corporation applying for and renewing the certification for an  
2 Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) Training Program:

3 (1) EMS Training Program Initial Application: ~~\$2,163~~ ~~\$1,775~~ for a Paramedic  
4 Program, ~~\$1,445~~ ~~\$1,185~~ for an Emergency Medical Technician (“EMT”) Program, and ~~\$725~~  
5 ~~\$595~~ for a Continuing Education Program.

6 (2) EMS Training Program Renewal, due every four years from the time of the  
7 last renewal: ~~\$1,085~~ ~~\$890~~ for a Paramedic Program, ~~\$792~~ ~~\$650~~ for an EMT Program, and ~~\$439~~  
8 ~~\$360~~ for a Continuing Education Program.

9 (d) As authorized by Section 100083 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations  
10 and Section 1797.212 of the California Health and Safety Code, the following fees are due  
11 and payable to the Department of Emergency Management ~~Public Health~~ by persons applying for  
12 and renewing EMT Certificates:

13 (1) Application for initial EMT Certificate: ~~\$177~~ ~~\$145~~.

14 (2) Renewal of current and valid EMT Certificate, not including EMT-Paramedic:  
15 ~~\$130~~ ~~\$107~~ due every two years.

16 (3) Application for initial EMT-Paramedic Accreditation: ~~\$38~~ ~~\$31~~.

17 (e) As authorized by Sections 1798, 1798.2, and 1798.164 of the California Health and  
18 Safety Code, the following fees are due and payable annually in advance to the Department  
19 of Emergency Management ~~Public Health~~ by the following facilities (as defined in Section 901 of  
20 the Health Code) that receive patients through Ambulance Service Providers:

21 (1) Receiving Hospital: ~~\$18,596~~ ~~\$10,719~~.

22 (2) STEMI (ST segment elevation myocardial infarction) Center: ~~\$22,728~~  
23 ~~\$13,310~~.

24 (f) The fees in this Section 249.8 shall be retroactive and effective as of July 1, 2020  
25 ~~May 1, 2009~~.

1 (g) Beginning with fiscal year 2021-2022 ~~2009-2010~~ and annually thereafter, the fees set  
2 forth in this Section 249.8 may be adjusted each year, without further action by the Board of  
3 Supervisors, as set forth in this subsection (g). Not later than April 1, the Director of the  
4 Department of Emergency Management ~~Public Health~~ shall report to the Controller the revenues  
5 generated by the fees for the prior fiscal year and the prior fiscal year's costs of operation, as  
6 well as any other information that the Controller determines appropriate to the performance of  
7 the duties set forth in this Article 2. Not later than May 15, the Controller shall determine  
8 whether the current fees have produced or are projected to produce revenues sufficient to  
9 support the costs of providing the services for which the fee is assessed and that the fees will  
10 not produce revenue that is significantly more than the costs of providing the services for  
11 which the fee is assessed. The Controller shall, if necessary, adjust the fees upward or  
12 downward for the upcoming fiscal year as appropriate to ensure that the program recovers the  
13 costs of operation without producing revenue that is significantly more than such costs. The  
14 adjusted rates shall become operative on July 1.

15 (h) For all services and other matters for which a fee is set forth in this Section 249.8, the  
16 Department of Emergency Management shall maintain on its website a listing of current fees, and shall  
17 make available upon request a copy of the listing of current fees.

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19 Section 2. The fees stated in Business and Tax Regulations Code Section 249.8 as  
20 amended by this ordinance do not constitute an actual increase in fees but rather reflect the  
21 fees that are currently in place as a result of the authorized adjustments to those amounts  
22 over the years pursuant to the process outlined in subsection (g) of Section 249.8.

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24 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
25 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the

1 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
2 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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4 Section 4. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors  
5 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,  
6 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal  
7 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment  
8 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under  
9 the official title of the ordinance.

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12 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
13 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

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15 By:           /s/ Thomas J. Owen            
16 THOMAS J. OWEN  
17 Deputy City Attorney

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