

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(a) requires the Commissioner  
11 of the California Highway Patrol to exempt non-commercial ambulances from the specific  
12 requirement upon request of a county’s Board of Supervisors stating that an exemption is  
13 necessary for public health and safety, and,

14 WHEREAS, The California Code of Regulations Title 13, Division 2, Chapter 5, Article  
15 1, Section 1108(b) states that the Commissioner will grant the exemption upon a request that  
16 contains the ambulance service name, the specific exemption requested, a finding from the  
17 county emergency medical care committee, and a finding from the Board of Supervisors that  
18 the exemption is necessary for public health and safety; and,

19 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department operates non-commercial  
20 ambulances; and,

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

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WHEREAS, A letter from John Brown, M.D., Medical Director of the local Emergency Medical Services Section is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File Number \_\_\_\_\_, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and,

WHEREAS, If required to carry a spare wheel with inflated tire and a jack and tools necessary for wheel changes, San Francisco Fire Department's ambulances will have insufficient space and will be unable to carry sufficient equipment to appropriately respond to medical emergencies in San Francisco; and,

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

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

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

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

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