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1 [EMT Certificate Fee Increase]

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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code by**
4 **amending Section 249.8 to increase fees for Emergency Medical Technician**
5 **certificates, and making environmental findings.**

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

10 Section 1. Environmental Findings. The Planning Department has determined that the
11 actions contemplated in this Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental
12 Quality Act (California Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is
13 on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is
14 incorporated herein by reference.

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16 Section 2. The San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended
17 by amending Section 249.8, to read as follows:

18 **SEC. 249.8. PRIVATE AMBULANCES**

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

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

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

5 (1) EMS Training Program Initial Application: \$1,775 for a Paramedic Program,
6 \$1,185 for an Emergency Medical Technician ("EMT") Program, and \$595 for a Continuing
7 Education Program.

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

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

15 (1) Application for initial EMT Certificate: \$145.

16 (4)(2) Renewal of current and valid EMT Certificate, not including EMT-Paramedic:
17 \$34107 due every two years.

18 (2)(3) Application for initial EMT-Paramedic Accreditation: \$31 for the initial application
19 only.

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

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

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

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


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

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19 Section 3: This ordinance shall become operative on its effective date or on July 1,
20 2010, whichever is later.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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KATHARINE HOBIN PORTER
Deputy City Attorney

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[EMT Certificate Fee Increase.]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code by amending Section 249.8 to increase fees for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certificates, and making environmental findings.

Existing Law

The current fee for an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate is \$34. That \$34 fee is charged when applying for an initial EMT Certificate and when renewing a current EMT Certificate.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would increase fees to reflect actual costs and to collect a required pass-through fee for the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA). Also, the proposed ordinance would set different fees for an initial EMT Certificate and for renewal of a current EMT Certificate. Under the proposed ordinance, the fee for an initial EMT Certificate would be \$145 and the bi-annual fee to renew a current EMT Certificate would be \$107.

Background Information

In September 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Assembly Bill 2917, known as "EMT 2010," to reform emergency medical services in California. Among other things, EMT 2010 requires local Emergency Medical Services Agencies to collect a \$75 fee from each initial EMT applicant and a \$37 bi-annual fee from certified EMTs, and pass through those funds to the EMSA to use to establish a centralized online EMT registry system. The fees in the proposed ordinance include these amounts required under EMT 2010, as well as increases to cover the increased costs to the City in providing EMT Certificate services.



TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: ~~For~~ Mayor Gavin Newsom *GN*
RE: EMT Certificate Fee Increase
DATE: June 1, 2010

Dear Madame Clerk:

Attached for introduction to the Board of Supervisors is the ordinance amending the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code by amending Section 249.8 to increase fees for Emergency Medical Technician certificates, and making environmental findings.

I request that this item be calendared in Budget and Finance Committee.

Should you have any questions, please contact Starr Terrell (415) 554-5262.

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