

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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

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

Existing Law

The City charges a number of fees to operators of private ambulances, emergency medical technicians and paramedics, and emergency medical facilities. The fees are paid to the Department of Public Health, which, as the City's Emergency Medical Services Agency, is responsible for regulating these emergency medical services.

The City is transferring responsibility for emergency medical services from the Department of Public Health to the Department of Emergency Management.

The fees set in this section of the Administrative Code, as well as in some other sections of the Code, are adjusted each year by the Controller, without further action by the Board of Supervisors, to reflect changes in the costs of providing the services for which the fees are charged.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is an ordinance that would amend the Administrative Code to make the fees payable to the Department of Emergency Management rather than the Department of Public Health.

In addition, the proposal would amend the fees to reflect intervening administrative adjustments and to show the actual amounts currently authorized and charged. The proposal would not actually increase any fees beyond the amounts already set pursuant to the existing terms of the ordinance.