

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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

Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to require that payment of emergency medical services fees be made to the Department of Public Health rather than the Department of Emergency Management.

Existing Law

Currently, Section 249.8 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code requires that regulatory fees relating to emergency services providers (i.e., private ambulances, emergency medical services training providers, and emergency medical facilities) be paid to the Department of Emergency Management.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would amend Section 249.8 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code to provide that the regulatory fees relating to emergency services providers be paid to the Department of Public Health, rather than the Department of Emergency Management.

Background Information

Since 2009, San Francisco Emergency Medical Services (SFEMS) has operated as a division within the Department of Emergency Management. Effective July 1, 2017, SFEMS will move to the Department of Public Health to improve operational efficiency and better align SFEMS functions with its parent department's mission. The proposed ordinance would ensure that fees charged for the purposes of compensating SFEMS for its services are paid to the appropriate City department.