

Agenda Report

January 28, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Finance Committee
FROM: Fire Department
SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE UPDATING RATES FOR PARAMEDIC BILLING

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve an amendment to the General Fee schedule adjusting the following billing rates for paramedic services.
 - A. Change fee #120, Advanced Life Support transport, from \$1,169 to \$1,412
 - B. Change fee #121, Basic Life Support transport, from \$819 to \$1,010
 - C. Change fee #122, Code 3 Transport, from \$111 to \$128
 - D. Change fee #123, Mileage, from \$17/mile to \$18/mile
 - E. Change fee #124, Basic Life Support Supplies, from \$25 to \$27
 - F. Change fee #125, Advanced Life Support Supplies, from \$25 to \$27
 - G. Change fee #129, Oxygen, from \$57 to \$64
2. Approve an amendment to the General Fee schedule adding the following new fees:
 - A. Code 2 Transport \$50
 - B. Backboard, splints, KED \$50
 - C. Traction splints \$91

BACKGROUND:

On June 4, 2012 Council adopted the fiscal year 2013 General Fee Schedule. The Fire Department traditionally recommends that the City adopt the same EMS rates approved by Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services (DHS). At the time the City's General Fee Schedule was being prepared, new Los Angeles County rates were not available; therefore, consistent with City practice, FY 2013 General Fee Schedule only increased Fire Department related fees by CPI (2.09 percent). The County of Los Angeles, DHS, has subsequently released its fees for fiscal year 2013. Based on these fees staff is recommending changing seven fees and adding three new fees as shown above. These changes will result in increases above CPI and will align these particular fees to that of the County of Los Angeles, DHS.

The three new fees will give the Fire Department additional flexibility to bill for specific services that is, currently, not included in the fee structure. The billing amounts were determined based on adopted LA County fees for like services.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed amendment is consistent with the City Council's strategic plan goal to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability.

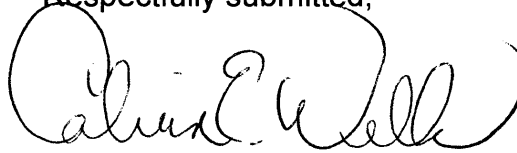
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) in that the action proposed does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. A change in fees does not have a potential to cause such an effect.

FISCAL IMPACT:

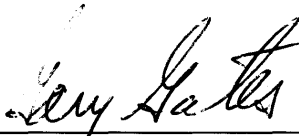
The increased fees will result in approximately \$75,000 in additional revenue in fiscal year 2014. This increase will be factored into the fiscal year 2014 adopted budget. In anticipation of this action, the fiscal year 2013 budget was increased by \$35,000 to reflect approximately one-half year of increased fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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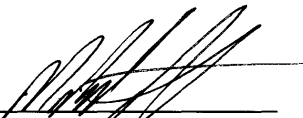
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