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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: JoAnn Melgar for Howard Himes - Director
Health & Human Services Public Health
REPORT BY: Brian Henricksen, EMS Administrator - 259-8753
SUBJECT: Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8.70 (Ambulance) and Fee Resolution for EMSA Services

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests the following:

1. First reading and intention to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 8.70 (Ambulance) to reflect changes to the process for certificate of operation renewals, to repeal fees that will be readopted by resolution, to require advance notice of changes to service charges and rates, and to modify violation fines; and
2. Adoption of a Resolution of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, State of California, to readopt, establish, increase, or otherwise modify the fees previously imposed by the county by ordinance for services provided by the Emergency Medical Services Agency.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Napa County EMS Agency's primary responsibilities are to plan, implement, evaluate and improve the local EMS system and ensure the minimum standards developed locally and by the California EMS Authority (EMSA) are met. The State guidelines recommend written provider agreements and/or an ordinance as a mechanism to ensure that EMS system participants comply with applicable policies and procedures regarding system operations and quality clinical care. Napa County currently has an Ambulance Ordinance and also has written agreements in place for 9-1-1 emergency ambulance response. The proposed changes to the Ordinance will allow for improved transparency regarding ambulance rates, and moves all associated fees out of the Ambulance Ordinance and into the EMS Fee Schedule.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Open Public Hearing.
2. Staff reports.
3. Public comments.
4. Close Public Hearing.
5. Clerk reads the Ordinance Title.
6. Motion, second, discussion and vote to waive the balance of the reading of the ordinance.
7. Motion, second, discussion and vote on intention to adopt the ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Public Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	While approval of the proposed changes are not mandatory, it will provide a mechanism for further transparency regarding ambulance provider rates.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The revenue from the fees is currently budgeted and will be included in future fiscal year budgets.
Consequences if not approved:	If the item is not approved, HHSA will not have an updated fee structure consistent with County and State law.
Additional Information:	

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BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Napa County Board of Supervisors originally adopted a local Ambulance Ordinance on July 13, 2010. Additional changes to the Ambulance Ordinance were adopted by Board of Supervisors on December 17, 2013. The Ambulance Ordinance has significantly improved ambulance provider oversight since its original adoption.

The ordinance has allowed for improved EMS system organization and the integration of all ambulances operating in Napa County. EMS patient safety has been improved by the ordinance, which requires compliance with industry safety standards, compliance with local equipment and communications standards, and ambulance staff training.

This integration of ambulance providers in the Napa County EMS system has also greatly improved the system's ability to respond to large scale incidents and disasters.

The proposed changes to the ordinance will provide a mechanism for further transparency regarding ambulance provider rates. In addition to publishing current ambulance provider rates on the Napa County EMS Agency website, the EMS Agency will also notify healthcare stakeholders of the current ambulance rates as reported to the EMS Agency per the requirements of the ordinance. The proposed changes will also remove current fees from the Ambulance Ordinance and move them into the EMS Fee Schedule, update fines structure for consistency with County and State law, and make various non-substantive language cleanup changes. Ambulance Certificate of Operation and Ambulance Inspection fees are lower than the actual cost of providing these services. The fees are kept lower to stay consistent with the market rate for oversight of these services in other counties

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Tracked Ordinance
- B . Clean Ordinance
- C . Fee Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Bret Prebula