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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22.210.2 OF THE LOS ANGELES
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR EMERGENCY
AMBULANCE SERVICE, TO INCREASE THE FEES FOR BASIC LIFE SUPPORT,
ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT AND MILEAGE**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 14-1693

Honorable Members:

This Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance would amend Section 22.210.2 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code with respect to the Schedule of Charges for Emergency Ambulance Service rendered by City personnel.

Background and Summary of Ordinance Provisions

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) reports the annual cost of the Emergency Ambulance Service rendered by City personnel is \$237 million, which is based on Fiscal Year 2014-15 average salaries for field platoon duty personnel and the approved Cost Allocation Plan 35 rates.

In order to cover the cost of the Emergency Ambulance Service rendered by City personnel, the fees for Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) must

be increased to \$1,452 and \$1,030, respectively, and the mileage rate must be increased to \$19 per one-way mile. These calculations are based on an average of 174,376 billable transports.

LAFD reports increasing the ALS and BLS rates, and the one-way mileage rate, will generate an additional \$230,000 in revenue for the remaining quarter of Fiscal Year 2014-15 and an overall \$1.7 million additional annual revenue. On February 18, 2015, the City Council requested the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to increase the Department's ALS, BLS and Emergency Ambulance Service mileage rate.

Increase in Existing Fees

We note that, because this ordinance would effectuate an increase in existing fees, notice of its proposed adoption should be given in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Sections 66018 and 6062a. Those sections of State law require that prior to adoption of a new or increased fee a public hearing be held and notice of that hearing be published in a newspaper with two publications at least five days apart over a ten-day period. The notice period begins the first day of publication, and there must be at least five days intervening between the first and the second publications, not counting the dates of publication.

Council Rule 38

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Fire Commission and the City Administrative Officer with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council or its Committees when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Kjeht Johansen at (213) 978-8395. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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