

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to emergency ambulance fee increases.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the following ambulance fee increases:
 - a. The Advanced Life Support (ALS) fee from \$1,452 to \$2,463 (+69.56 percent).
 - b. The Basic Life Support (BLS) fee from \$1,030 to \$1,747 (+69.56 percent).
 - c. The Mileage rate from \$19 to \$20 per one-way mile (+5.26 percent).
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to amend Los Angeles Administrative Code Sec. 22.210.2 Schedule of Charges for Emergency Service table to reflect the changes in the ALS and BLS rates as detailed in the March 31, 2020 Los Angeles Fire Department Report (LAFD), attached to the Council file.
3. INSTRUCT the LAFD to:
 - a. Re-evaluate the ambulance fees and report in regard to the findings on an annual basis.
 - b. Report in regard to the usage of LAFD ambulance services by those who are considered to be super-users.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LAFD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Budget and Finance Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Summary:

On May 7, 2020, the Public Safety Committee considered a March 31, 2020 LAFD report relative to emergency ambulance fee increases. According to the LAFD, the cost of the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Program consists of direct and indirect costs including salaries, supplies, and expenses related to operations of the EMS Program. These costs determine the emergency ambulance transport service fees. The EMS Program costs consist of 100 percent of the costs for ALS and BLS ambulances, and the proportional costs for engine companies (7 percent) and light forces (4 percent) that respond to emergency medical incidents. The annual cost of the emergency ambulance transport service amounts to \$405.5 million based on the Fiscal Year 2019-20 average salaries for field platoon duty personnel (direct costs) and the approved Cost Allocation Plan 40 rates (indirect costs). In order to cover the cost of the Emergency Medical Service Program, the ALS and BLS fees must be increased to \$2,463 and \$1,747, respectively. This calculation was based on an average of 180,513 billable transports. In comparison, the rates for the Los Angeles County as of July 1, 2019 are \$2,428 for ALS, \$1,620

for BLS transports, and \$19 per mile. After consideration, the Public Safety Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the LAFD report, as amended. This matter is now submitted to Council for it's consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
RYU:	YES
LEE:	YES
ARL	5/7/20

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