

MOTION

TRANSPORTATION

Private ambulance services involve the transport of non-emergency patients to and from hospitals or care facilities. These vehicles are subject to dual regulation by both the City and County of Los Angeles. The City issues permits in accordance with Municipal Code Sections 71.00, 71.03(b), 71.04.1 and 71.06.1(c). The County oversees the operation of these vehicles under Section 7.16 of the Los Angeles County Code of Ordinances.

The Department of Transportation evaluates the rate schedule for these services every two years. Any proposed rate changes are subject to the approval of the Board of Transportation Commissioners and City Council. The most recent rate increase was approved by the City Council on August 3, 2022 (C.F. 22-0562).

Dual regulation of these services results in two bureaucratic processes that ambulance companies must undertake while also creating a significant administrative workload for the City. It is critical that the City review the existing dual regulatory structure to ensure that it is not duplicative and results in the best possible service levels for City residents.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation to report on the City's private ambulance services permit and inspection process, the extent to which these activities may duplicate the County of Los Angeles, comparisons to the processes in other jurisdictions, and recommendations to streamline and/or transfer the existing permitting activities to the County of Los Angeles.

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