

FILE NO. 050993

ORDINANCE NO.

185-05

1 [Providing for waiver of fees and changing fees for Emergency Medical Services and making  
2 environmental findings.]

3 **Ordinance amending Article 3 of the San Francisco Health Code by adding Section**  
4 **120.1 to require the San Francisco Fire Department to waive fees for Emergency**  
5 **Medical Services upon a showing that all persons legally obligated to pay have**  
6 **insufficient income to pay the bill without undue hardship and the patient is not**  
7 **covered by insurance; and amending Section 128.1, to create a fee for providing**  
8 **service to a patient without transporting the patient, to increase the base rate fees for**  
9 **both Basic Life Service and Advanced Life Service, to increase the fee for mileage, to**  
10 **eliminate the fee for night service, to substitute a flat fee for supplemental supplies in**  
11 **place of fees for individual supplies used to treat each patient, to amend the language**  
12 **regarding changes in fees in subsequent years to fix typographical errors, to eliminate**  
13 **the provision by which the San Francisco Fire Department could add charges for**  
14 **additional supplies, and to make environmental findings.**

15 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;  
16 deletions are *~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~*.  
17 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
18 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

19 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

20 Section 1. The San Francisco Health Code is hereby amended by adding Section  
21 120.1, to read as follows:

22 (a) The San Francisco Fire Department shall waive its fee for Emergency Medical  
23 Services if the patient and/or any other person legally obligated to pay provides the  
24 Department with reliable information that:

1           1. The patient and/or any other persons who are legally obligated to pay have  
2           insufficient annual income to pay the bill without undue hardship. The Fire  
3           Department shall define "insufficient income" but may not define it at a rate less  
4           than 300% of the Federal Poverty Level as set forth in the Federal Register;  
5           and,

6           2. The patient is not covered by any insurance that would pay for the services  
7           and cannot obtain MediCal or MediCare.

8           (b) The Fire Department has the sole authority to determine whether the information  
9           provided supports a waiver of the fee.

10          Section 2. The San Francisco Health Code is hereby amended by amending Section  
11          128.1, to read as follows:

12          Sec. 128.1 PATIENT RATES/Fire Department EMS Services

13          (a) The Board of Supervisors approves the following fee schedule for Fire Department  
14          ambulance services and emergency medical service supplies for fiscal year 2005-2006:

15            1. Emergency Medical Services

16            Treatment without Transportation, a base rate fee of \$195.00 per call.

17            Basic Life Service, a base rate fee of ~~\$473.25~~ \$690.00 \$700.00 per call.

18            Advanced Life Service, a base rate fee of ~~\$691.00~~ \$810.00 \$850.00 per call.

19            Mileage, an additional fee above the base rate of ~~\$13.15~~ \$15.00 per mile

20            Night service (7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.), an additional fee above the base rates of \$74.57

21            2. Emergency Medical Supplies:

22            Supplemental charges for supplies will be assessed at a flat fee of \$20.00 per incident.

23            Oxygen \_\_\_\_\_ \$62.48

24            Oxygen cannula \_\_\_\_\_ \$14.25

1	<i>Oxygen mask</i>	<i>\$14.25</i>
2	<i>EKG electrodes</i>	<i>\$7.56</i>
3	<i>Bandage, roller gauze</i>	<i>\$14.25</i>
4	<i>Obstetrical kit</i>	<i>\$27.40</i>
5	<i>Splint, arm or leg:</i>	<i>\$14.25</i>
6	<i>Blood administration set</i>	<i>\$14.25</i>
7	<i>Hot pack</i>	<i>\$14.25</i>
8	<i>Cold pack</i>	<i>\$14.25</i>
9	<i>Suction Catheter</i>	<i>\$14.25</i>
10	<i>Endotracheal tube</i>	<i>\$14.25</i>
11	<i>Oral airway</i>	<i>\$14.25</i>
12	<i>Nasal airway</i>	<i>\$20.82</i>
13	<i>Cervical collar</i>	<i>\$29.60</i>
14	<i>Endotracheal Intubation and supplies</i>	<i>\$43.84</i>
15	<i>Nasotracheal intubation and supplies</i>	<i>\$54.81</i>
16	<i>Defibrillation and supplies</i>	<i>\$54.81</i>
17	<i>Cardioversion</i>	<i>\$54.81</i>
18	<i>Cardiac pacing</i>	<i>\$54.81</i>
19	<i>Activated charcoal</i>	<i>\$14.25</i>
20	<i>Injection, Adenosine</i>	<i>\$14.25</i>
21	<i>Injection, Adrenaline (ampule)</i>	<i>\$14.25</i>
22	<i>Albuterol</i>	<i>\$14.25</i>
23	<i>Aspirin</i>	<i>\$2.19</i>
24	<i>Injection, Atropine (Pre load)</i>	<i>\$14.25</i>
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1	<i>Injection, Benadryl</i>	\$16.44
2	<i>Injection, Bretylium (ampule)</i>	\$54.81
3	<i>Injection, 10% CaCl2</i>	\$14.25
4	<i>Injection, 10% Calcium Gluconate (ampule)</i>	\$14.25
5	<i>Injection, Dextrose 5% IV solution</i>	\$14.25
6	<i>Injection, Dextrose 50% (Pre-load)</i>	\$14.25
7	<i>Injection, Dopamine IV solution</i>	\$27.40
8	<i>Injection, Epinephrine (1:1000)</i>	\$14.25
9	<i>Injection, Epinephrine (1:10,000)</i>	\$14.25
10	<i>Injection, Glucagon</i>	\$41.65
11	<i>Oral Glucose</i>	\$14.25
12	<i>Ipecac</i>	\$14.25
13	<i>Injection, Furosimide (Lasix)</i>	\$14.25
14	<i>Injection, Lidocaine</i>	\$14.25
15	<i>Injection, Magnesium Sulfate</i>	\$14.25
16	<i>Injection, Morphine Sulfate</i>	\$14.25
17	<i>Injection, Nalaxone</i>	\$14.25
18	<i>Injection, Oxytocin (Pitocin)</i>	\$14.25
19	<i>Nitroglycerine</i>	\$14.25
20	<i>Ampule, Sterile Water/Saline</i>	\$14.25
21	<i>Injection, Sodium Bicarbonate</i>	\$14.25
22	<i>Injection, Diazepam (Valium)</i>	\$14.25

23 (b) Beginning with Fiscal Year ~~2004-2005~~2005-2006, *the* fees set in this section *may be*  
24 *amended* without further action by the Board of Supervisors, to reflect changes in the Medical  
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1 Consumer Price Index as determined by the Controller. No later than April 15th of each year,  
2 the Fire Department shall submit its current fee schedule to the Controller, who shall apply the  
3 price index adjustment to produce a new fee schedule for the following year.

4 ~~(e) The San Francisco Fire Department may from time to time change or add medications and~~  
5 ~~supplies used by emergency medical services according to the Advanced Life Support Scope of~~  
6 ~~Practice under Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. With the approval of the Controller, the~~  
7 ~~Department may set the fees for those additional items based on the usual and customary industry~~  
8 ~~standards.~~

9 (d) (c) No later than May 15th of each year, the Controller shall file a report with the  
10 Board of Supervisors reporting the new fee schedule and certifying that: (a) the fees produce  
11 sufficient revenue to support the costs of providing the services for which each fee is  
12 assessed, and (b) the fees do not produce revenue which is significantly more than the costs  
13 of providing the services for which each fee is assessed.

14 Section 2. The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in  
15 this Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California  
16 Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq.) . Said determination is on file with the Clerk  
17 of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 050993 and is incorporated herein by  
18 reference.

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20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
21 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

22 By:

  
23 Margaret W. Baumgartner  
24 Deputy City Attorney  
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# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails Ordinance

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**Date Passed:**

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July 12, 2005 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,  
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

July 19, 2005 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,  
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

July 26, 2005 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval  
Excused: 1 - Daly

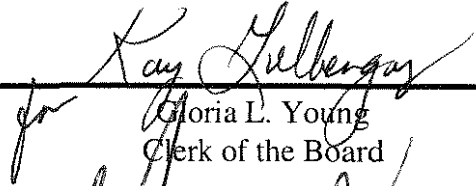
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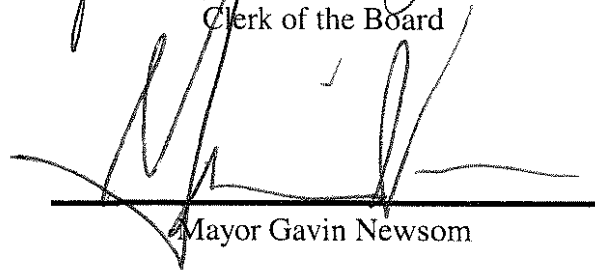
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was **FINALLY PASSED** on July 26, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

JUL 29 2005

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Date Approved

  
for Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Gavin Newsom