[Business and Tax Regulations Code - Emergency Medical Services Fees]

Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to require that payment of emergency medical services fees be made to the Department of Public Health rather than the Department of Emergency Management.

NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font. Additions to Codes are in single-underline italics Times New Roman font. Deletions to Codes are in strikethrough italics Times New Roman font. Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font. Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font. Asterisks (** * **) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

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

Section 1. The Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended by revising Section 249.8, to read as follows:

SEC. 249.8. PRIVATE AMBULANCES - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.
(a) Every person, firm or corporation engaged in operating a private ambulance that requires a Certificate of Operation shall pay an initial application fee of $10,000 at the time of filing the initial application, and an annual renewal fee of $5,000 to the Department of Emergency Management, Department of Public Health.

(b) Every person, firm or corporation holding a Certificate of Operation must also pay an annual ambulance permit fee of $1,600 for each vehicle to the City Treasurer, Department of Public Health. Effective July 1, 2010, this fee must be paid to the Department of Emergency Management.
(c) As authorized by Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, the following fees are due and payable to the Department of Emergency Management Department of Public Health by every person, firm, or corporation applying for and renewing the certification for an Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") Training Program:

1. EMS Training Program Initial Application: $1,775 for a Paramedic Program, $1,185 for an Emergency Medical Technician ("EMT") Program, and $595 for a Continuing Education Program.

2. EMS Training Program Renewal, due every four years from the time of the last renewal: $890 for a Paramedic Program, $650 for an EMT Program, and $360 for a Continuing Education Program.

(d) As authorized by Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations and Section 1797.212 of the California Health and Safety Code, the following fees are due and payable to the Department of Emergency Management Department of Public Health by persons applying for and renewing EMT Certificates:


2. Renewal of current and valid EMT Certificate, not including EMT-Paramedic: $107 due every two years.


(e) As authorized by Sections 1798, 1798.2, and 1798.164 of the California Health and Safety Code, the following fees are due and payable annually in advance to the Department of Emergency Management Department of Public Health by the following facilities (as defined in Section 901 of the San Francisco Health Code) that receive patients through Ambulance Service Providers:

1. Receiving Hospital: $10,719.
(2) STEMI (ST segment elevation myocardial infarction) Heart Attack Center:

$13,310.

(f) The fees in this Section 249.8 shall be retroactive and effective as of May 1, 2009.

(g) Beginning with fiscal year 2009-2010 and annually thereafter, the fees set forth in this Section 249.8 may be adjusted each year, without further action by the Board of Supervisors, as set forth in this subsection (g). Not later than April 1, the Director of the Department of Emergency Management Department of Public Health shall report to the Controller the revenues generated by the fees for the prior fiscal year and the prior fiscal year’s costs of operation, as well as any other information that the Controller determines appropriate to the performance of the duties set forth in this Article. Not later than May 15, the Controller shall determine whether the current fees have produced or are projected to produce revenues sufficient to support the costs of providing the services for which the fee is assessed and that the fees will not produce revenue that is significantly more than the costs of providing the services for which the fee is assessed. The Controller shall, if necessary, adjust the fees upward or downward for the upcoming fiscal year as appropriate to ensure that the program recovers the costs of operation without producing revenue that is significantly more than such costs. The adjusted rates shall become operative on July 1.

Section 2. Effective Date; Retroaction Application.

(a) This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.
(b) This ordinance shall apply to any fees imposed by Section 249.8 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code that are payable on or after July 1, 2017.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By: Anne Pearson
Deputy City Attorney
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June 16, 2017 Budget and Finance Committee - RECOMMENDED

July 11, 2017 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED ON FIRST READING
   Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

July 18, 2017 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING
   Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

July 25, 2017 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED
   Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 7/25/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

7/27/2017
Date Approved