

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302923

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE AUG 03 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE BILLING OF PATIENTS AND/OR INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR EMERGENCY AIR MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY SAN DIEGO FIRE-RESCUE AIR OPERATIONS DIVISION HELICOPTER

WHEREAS, in July 2003, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department [SDFD] began staffing and operating a fire-rescue helicopter [Copter 1] that included enhanced air rescue and emergency medical capabilities; and

WHEREAS, at that time, it was expected that providing advanced life support [ALS] pre-hospital care and transportation of the sick and injured would be a rare occurrence; and

WHEREAS, SDFD Copter 1 is classified by the county of San Diego Emergency Medical Services Division [County EMS] as an Advanced Life Support [ALS] Rescue Aircraft; and

WHEREAS, an existing Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] between SDFD and County EMS allows Copter 1 to provide air medical transportation of patients to area trauma centers; and

WHEREAS, to date, no patient and/or insurance company have/has been invoiced for air medical transportation services provided by SDFD; and

WHEREAS, rather than as initially expected, the provision of ALS and medical transportation has greatly increased; and

WHEREAS, billing for air medical transportation of the sick and/or injured is now necessary to minimize the fiscal impact that results from providing these services for free; and

WHEREAS, an hourly billing rate of \$3250 (three thousand two hundred and fifty) has been calculated, taking into consideration:

- Helicopter Allowance cost per Flight Hour
- Rescue Hoist Life Expectancy Remaining
- Miscellaneous Equipment Cost per Hour
- Mechanic Costs per Flight Hour
- Personnel Expenses [PE] per Hour
- Non Personnel Expenses [NPE] per Hour
- Fuel & Lubricants; and

WHEREAS, Rural/Metro, the City's Emergency Medical Services partner in San Diego Medical Services Enterprise [SDMSE], will be responsible for the billing of air medical transports performed by San Diego Fire-Rescue helicopter(s) at an administrative fee of \$50 (fifty) per billed transport and said amount will be added to the cost billed; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego that the Mayor is authorized to direct the billing of patients and/or insurance companies for emergency air medical transportation provided by San Diego Fire-Rescue Air Operations Division helicopter(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with SDMSE and/or Rural/Metro for the billing of patients and/or insurance companies for emergency air medical transportation provided by San Diego Fire-Rescue Air Operations Division helicopter(s) and administrative fee per patient charge of \$50; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA] does not apply to this project pursuant to CEQA Section 21083 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15273, in that the City Council finds the fees or rates proposed herein are for the purpose of one or more of the following:

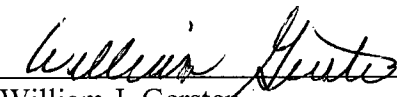
- (1) Meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits,
- (2) Purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials,
- (3) Meeting financial reserve needs and requirements,
- (4) Obtaining funds for capital projects, necessary to maintain service within existing services

areas, or

- (5) Obtaining funds necessary to maintain such intra-city transfers as are authorized by City

Charter.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By 
William J. Gersten
Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of JUL 31 2007

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Jana Richards
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 8.3.07
(date)

J.S.
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor