

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 306900

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DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 30 2011

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE NEW FIRE-RESCUE
DEPARTMENT FEE FOR AIR MEDICAL TRANSPORT, AND
AMENDING THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO RATEBOOK

WHEREAS, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) has offered helicopter air medical transport to local hospitals as a service to the citizens and visitors of the City and County of San Diego since 2003; and

WHEREAS, air medical transports of the sick and injured occur only in the event that the County's contract air medical service provider, Mercy Air, is unable to respond, or if one of the City's helicopters completes a rescue operation involving a victim who is sick or injured; and

WHEREAS, in August 2007, the City Council of the City of San Diego (City) approved a resolution allowing for the billing of patients in the event the patient was transported by a SDFD helicopter; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the 2007 resolution was to provide full cost recovery for the emergency helicopter transportation; and

WHEREAS, the SDFD has identified a third party billing service that specializes in air medical transportation, allowing the City to maximize the potential for collections; and

WHEREAS, cost recovery for air medical transportation is calculated by flight hour, and includes the following factors: helicopter allowance (\$889 per hour), rescue hoist life expectancy (\$23 per hour), miscellaneous equipment costs (\$43 per hour), mechanic costs (\$450 per hour),

WHEREAS, in order to be fully cost recoverable, a twenty percent fee for third party billing services is added, creating a total hourly cost recovery rate of \$3,900; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City to establish fees to recover the costs of providing services in accordance with the San Diego Administrative Regulation 95.25; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Administrative Regulation 95.25 encourages transferring specific fee schedules listed in the San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) and San Diego Resolutions to the standardized Ratebook maintained by the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a User Fee Policy dated March 20, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the California Constitution and State law provide the authority for the City to charge and collect a reasonable fee sufficient to pay for the costs of the actual air medical transport service; and

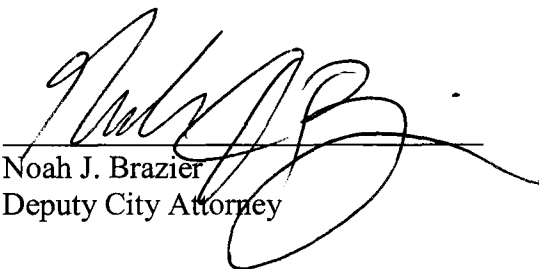
WHEREAS, this fee is exempted from the restrictions placed on new and existing fees by the California Constitution, Article XIII A; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of San Diego authorizes the Mayor or his designee to charge a fee for medical rescues using the SDFD helicopters as reflected in the Report to Council, filed with the City Clerk as Document No. RR-306900, and in Attachments A and B of that Report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of San Diego authorizes the City Clerk to amend the City Ratebook to reflect the new fees and rates as stated in the Report to Council, filed with the City Clerk as Document No. RR-306900, and in Attachments A and B of that Report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the new and increased fees as set forth in the Report to Council, filed with the City Clerk as Document No. RR-306900 and in Attachments A and B of that report, are to be effective beginning July 1, 2011.

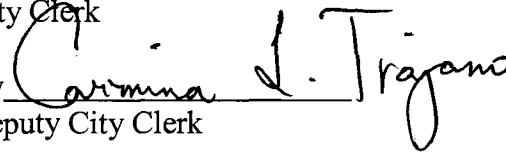
APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

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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 JUN 28 2011

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Carmina I. Trujano
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6-³⁰~~28~~-11
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor