

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT AMENDING THE DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Fire District of Sonoma County, State of California (the “District”) has the rights, obligations, and authority over prehospital emergency medical services, Advanced and Basic Life Support Services, including ground ambulance services, throughout the entirety of the District territory and appurtenant ambulance service areas, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 1797.201; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2020, the Board of Directors (“the Board”) of the Sonoma County Fire District of Sonoma County, State of California (“the District”) adopted District Ordinance 2020-02, establishing a District schedule of Emergency Medical Service Fees, consistent with Proposition 26 and California Health and Safety Code section 13916 et seq., including an annual inflation adjustment; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2023, following a competitive procurement process and authorization from the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma (“County”), pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 1797.224, the County and District executed a “PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SONOMA AND SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICES IN COUNTY EXCLUSIVE OPERATING AREA ONE” (the “County EOA-1 Contract”), including authorized emergency medical services rates and charges, to commence January 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the District Board intends this amended Emergency Medical Services Fees Ordinance to apply the previously approved aggregate three year annual inflation adjustment of 12.90% percent for fees and 65.68% for mileage, and ensure consistency with the County EOA-1 Contract authorized rates and charges throughout the entirety of District territory, appurtenant ambulance service areas, and within EOA-1, effective January 15, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Fire District of Sonoma County, State of California do ordain as follows:

Section I. Purpose and Intent: Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 13916 et seq., the District is authorized to charge and collect fees to cover the costs of any service which the District provides or the costs of enforcing any regulation for which the fee is charged. It is the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to establish and impose District-wide fees for the delivery of emergency medical services to augment the funding of paramedic/ambulance fire support services and to upgrade facilities to meet community needs. As part of the County EOA-1 Contract request for proposal, bid, and award, the District and County have conducted analyses and fee studies to determine that the fee schedule in this Ordinance reflects the reasonable costs, including staff time, for providing advanced and basic life support services

throughout the entirety of District territory, appurtenant ambulance service areas, and within EOA-1

Section II Fee Schedule: The District hereby adopts the following fee schedule, which is attached as Attachment "A" and incorporated herein by reference: 2024 Sonoma County Fire District Schedule of Emergency Medical Services Fees. The fees incorporated herein shall be adjusted annually for inflation effective each fiscal year. This Ordinance shall supersede any prior schedule of fire prevention services fees within the District, including, but not limited to, District Ordinance 2020-02.

Section IV. Limited Amendment: If any section or attachment of this Ordinance or portion thereof is held invalid or unenforceable by any court and such judgment becomes final, then that section may be amended by the District's Board by a majority vote to conform to the judgement of such court, provided such amendment is consistent with purpose and intent of this Ordinance.

Section V. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be and the same is hereby declared to be in full force and effect thirty days from and after the date its adoption, and shall be published once, before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after passage of the same, with the name of the Directors voting for and against the same, in The Press Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published within the County of Sonoma, State of California.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board on December 12, 2023, by Director Weaver, who moved its adoption, seconded by Director Hamann, and ordered adopted by the following vote:

Directors Briare aye, Hamann aye, Klick aye, So absent, Tognozzi aye,
Treasor aye, Weaver aye.

AYES: 6 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 1

WHEREUPON, the Board President declared the above forgoing Ordinance duly adopted, and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST:

Frank Treanor
Board President

Kerney Washeng
Board Clerk



**Sonoma County Fire District
Emergency Medical Services Fee Schedule
Effective January 15, 2024**

Transport and Services Base Rates	
ALS Transport Base Rate	\$3,100.00
BLS Transport Base Rate	\$2,850.90
Oxygen	\$225.00
Mileage	\$70.00 / mile
ALS Treatment, Non-Transport	\$550.00

Other Specific Charges / Medical Supplies	
Monitor	\$225.00
12 Lead ECG	\$185.00
Disposable ALS Supplies	\$225.00
Disposable BLS Supplies	\$205.00
ALS Treatment, Non-Transport	\$550.00
EZ-IO	\$475.00
Pulse Ox	\$185.00
IV Supplies	\$145.00
King Airway/iGel/Intubation	\$305.00
Isolation Precautions	\$285.00
Night Charge	\$195.00
CPAP	\$425.00
Glucagon	\$315.00
CSPINE/SMR	\$185.00

Other Services	
First Responder/Pre-Stabilization (Only District First Responder, without District transport)	\$255.00
ALS Ambulance Standby/Special Event	\$237.00/hour
BLS Ambulance Standby/Special Event	\$219.00/hour
EMS Supervisor	\$161.00/hour
Ambu-BUS	\$520.00/hour
EMT Standby/Special Event	\$109.00/hour
Paramedic Standby/Special Event	\$118.00/hour