

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE 2022-01
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
JULY 21, 2022

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE CREATING FIRST RESPONDER FEE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 13916, the El Dorado County Fire Protection District's ("District") Board of Directors may charge a fee to cover the cost of any service which the district provides; and

WHEREAS, many fire protection districts use a "first responder fee" to help cover the cost of the response of an engine or ambulance to an emergency medical call; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors engaged the firm of DTA to analyze the District's cost of responding to emergency medical calls with a fire apparatus (as opposed to the cost of a response with an ambulance), and DTA prepared the attached "First Responder Fee Analysis"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes to adopt a first responder fee to help cover the District's labor and associated overhead costs from responding to emergency medical calls with fire apparatus; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13916(d), on or about June 20, 2022, the District made available to the public the attached "First Responder Fee Analysis" which identifies the amount of cost, or estimated cost, required to provide BLS or ALS care in cases where there is no transport to a hospital for further services and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the service; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors held public hearings on the proposed first responder fee of \$294.09 (subject to increases for annual inflation) on June 23, 2022, and July 21, 2022, where the Board heard and considered any objections or protests to the proposed fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2022 and July 15, 2022, the District published notice pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code in the Mountain Democrat of the Board of Director's intention to adopt a first responder fee, stating the time and place of the July 21, 2022, meeting, including a general explanation of the first responder fee to be considered, and a statement that data indicating the amount of cost, or estimated cost, required to respond to emergency medical calls with a fire apparatus is available for public inspection on the District's website and at the District's Administrative Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, no interested party has filed a written request with the District Board for mailed notice of meetings on new or increased fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board hereby adopts a First Responder Fee of \$294.09 that shall be assessed on a patient when the District responds to an emergency medical call with a fire apparatus. "Fire apparatus" excludes ambulances, which the District staffs in partnership with the El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority. The First Responder Fee shall become effective no sooner than September 1, 2022.
3. In no event shall a person be denied emergency medical services because of their inability or failure to pay the First Responder Fee.
4. The First Responder Fee shall be annually adjusted to reflect inflation. Beginning July 1, 2023, and each July 1 thereafter, the current First Responder Fee shall be increased by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), All Urban Consumers, Not Seasonally Adjusted, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the twelve (12) month period ending May 31 of the year in which the First Responder Fee is being adjusted.
5. Prior to June 30, 2027, the District will conduct or commission a study of its costs to respond to emergency medical calls with fire apparatus to aid the Board in considering whether the First Responder Fee should be adjusted.
6. The Fire Chief is authorized and directed to carry out any other actions necessary to implement the new First Responder Fee effective on or after September 1, 2022, and to adjust the Fee for inflation in subsequent years per section 4, above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the El Dorado County Fire Protection District, at a meeting held on the 21st of July, Two-thousand and Twenty-Two, by the following vote of said Board:

July 21, 2022

AYES: Swarbrick, Brunton, Harper, Kaiserman, Gilchrist
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
ABSENT: none

ATTEST:


Chair
Board of Directors


Secretary
Board of Directors

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Exhibit A

First Responder Fee Analysis
Prepared by DTA for the
El Dorado County Fire Protection District Board of Directors