



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: June 20, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mouhanad Hammami, Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
Contact Info: Nick Clay, EMS Agency Director
SUBJECT: **Second Reading to Repeal and Replace Chapter 5 Ambulances of the Santa Barbara County Code**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- i. Consider adoption (Second Reading) of an Ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 5 Ambulances of the Santa Barbara County Code as revised by the Board on June 6, 2023, to enact policies and regulations for permitting and regulating the provision of non-exclusive ambulance services within Santa Barbara County as set forth above; and
- ii. Determine that the proposed action does not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it consists of an organizational or administrative activity of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

On April 4, 2023 your Board directed staff to explore the development of a non-exclusive ambulance system. On June 6, 2023 the Board considered the first reading of an ordinance setting forth the permits and process regulating the provision of non-exclusive ambulance services, the details of which are discussed in more detail in that Board Letter. At that hearing, the Public Health Department recommended a minor correction to the definition of “Ambulance Service” in Section 5-3:

- The definition in the Ordinance docketed for June 6, 2023 read: “Ambulance Service” means the activity, business or service for hire, profit, or otherwise, of being prepared for, responding to requests for and/or transporting one or more persons by ambulance on or in any of the streets, roads, highways, alleys, or any public way or place in the unincorporated areas of the County.
- At the hearing, the definition was revised to read: “Ambulance Service” means the activity, business or service for hire, profit, or otherwise, of being prepared for, responding to requests for and/or transporting one or more persons by ambulance on or in any of the streets, roads, highways, alleys, or any public way or place in the County.

This Board Letter includes the revised Ordinance for the Board to consider adopting on June 20, 2023.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This item is administrative only on there is no budgetary action. The proposed ordinance includes a provision that the Board may establish provider permit application fees for processing.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Ordinances and retain one (1) original Amendment and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email MFitzwilliamFigueroa@sbcphd.org when available for pick up.

Attachments:

- A. Revised Strikeout Version of Ordinance to Rescind and Replace Chapter 5 of the Santa Barbara County Code
- B. Amended Version of Ordinance to Rescind and Replace Chapter 5 of the Santa Barbara County Code

Authored by:

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