

ORDINANCE AMENDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES

ORDINANCE NO.: _____ - _____

An ordinance of the County of Santa Barbara amending the existing EMT Certifications/Re-certification Fee Schedule and the EMT-Paramedic Accreditation Fee Schedule to cover the administrative costs of providing these services.

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency is authorized to establish and increase fees per the following codes and policies: *Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.177, 1797.210, 1797.212, and 1798 and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Sections 100079, 100080, 100083, and County of Santa Barbara EMS Agency Policies 211 and 230;* and

WHEREAS, an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) must meet specific educational requirements to be certified by a certifying authority; and

WHEREAS, every two years an EMT-I must also meet specific educational requirements to re-certify their EMT certificate; and

WHEREAS, the EMS Agency is a certifying authority; and

WHEREAS, an EMT-Paramedic, in addition to being licensed by the State of California, must also be locally accredited by the County of Santa Barbara EMS Agency by meeting specific local educational requirements in order to practice in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, this process of certifying and re-certifying EMTs, and the process of local accreditation for EMT-Paramedics, ensure that both classifications are in good standing and are competent to provide medical services as part of the organized EMS system; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54985, a County Board of Supervisors of each County shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing a product or service; and

WHEREAS, the EMS Agency has conducted a fee study to determine if its costs are being covered for these processes of certifying and re-certifying EMTs, and the accreditation of EMT-Paramedics, and the fee study determined that the costs are not currently being covered; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 54986, the County has, in connection with the above fees, held a public hearing as part of a regularly scheduled meeting and published notice of the meeting, including a general description of the matter to be considered, in accordance with Government Code Section 6062a.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Services Agency is hereby authorized to increase certification and accreditation fees for EMT and EMT-Ps.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By: _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
CHANDRA WALLAR
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS A. MARSHALL
COUNTY COUNSEL

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:
ROBERT W. GEIS, CPA
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By: _____
Deputy

By: _____
Deputy



**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
FEE SCHEDULE FOR
EMT-I AND EMT-P CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION**

Purpose: Publish a schedule of fees for certification of EMT-I and accreditation of EMT-P, employed within the boundary of authority of the Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Services System.

Authority: California Health and Safety Code Division 2.5, §1797.212.

Policy: For each 2-year certification/accreditation period, the following fees are due:

1.	EMT-1		
	Initial Certification:	\$22.00	\$89.00
	Re-certification:	\$22.00	\$57.00
2.	EMT-P		
	Initial Accreditation	\$52.00	\$209.00