BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed increase in the Emergency Ambulance Services fee for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

- 1. APPROVE the increase in the Emergency Ambulance Service fees as follows:
  - a. Increase the Advanced Life Support (ALS) fee from \$2,463 to \$2,625 (+6.58%).
  - b. Increase the Basic Life Support (BLS) fee from \$1,747 to \$1,862 (+6.58%).
  - c. Maintain the Mileage rate from \$20 to \$20 per one-way mile (+0%).
- REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to amend the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.210.2 Schedule of Charges for Emergency Service table to reflect the changes in the ALS and BLS rates.
- INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to report back a commensurate rate increase for the non-emergency ambulance operators who provide basic and advanced life support.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) reports that it will continue to monitor and report on the Emergency Ambulance Transport fee for services to ensure that rates meet full cost of operations. Revenue from this fee increase will be deposited into Revenue Source Code 4451 Emergency Ambulance Services. The 2021-22 Adopted Budget of \$78.7 million includes \$700,000 for 6 months of anticipated receipts. Revenue projections assume that the City has fully resumed operations and COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. The recommendations in the subject LAFD report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that the City will charge a fee for service where permitted and feasible. There is no additional impact on the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

## **SUMMARY**

At the meeting held on November 8, 2021, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) report dated September 22, 2021, relative to a proposed increase in the Emergency Ambulance Services fee for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the BOFC recommendations as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** 

MEMBER YOTE
KREKORIAN YES
BLUMENFIELD YES
DE LEON YES
RODRIGUEZ ABSENT
PRICE YES

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