



# MARIN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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June 21, 2016

Marin County Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
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**SUBJECT:** Adoption of County Fire County Service Area 28  
Paramedic/Ambulance Service Fees Resolution

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve adoption of Resolution to increase the Marin County Fire Department's paramedic and ambulance service fees in County Service Area 28.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed Resolution adopts revisions of the Based Rate Fee Schedule for County Service Area 28 Paramedic/Ambulance Fee Schedule. The primary changes to this ordinance are the revision and deletion of established rates and addition of new rates.

Woodacre  
Throckmorton Ridge  
Marin City  
Point Reyes  
Hicks Valley  
Tomales  
Ross Valley: Medic 18  
Tamalpais Fire Crew

The Marin County Fire Department recently completed a review of operating costs and determined the current rates do not reflect the actual cost of providing Basic Life Support (BLS) or Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance and paramedic services. The proposed increase in fees will not exceed the costs of providing the services. The proposed changes bring this fee schedule up to date and in alignment with the County's goal of cost recovery.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** A conservative estimate for an increase in Ambulance Fee Revenue would be an annual net gain of \$120,000. It is anticipated that rising costs of disposable medical supplies and decreases in reimbursement secondary to ACA changes will offset the increased revenue. The Department will work with County Administrator to make appropriate budget adjustments.

REVIEWED BY:                     County Administrator                     N/A  
    County Counsel                             N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Weber  
Fire Chief

**RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS TO AMEND COUNTY SERVICE AREA 28  
PARAMEDIC AND AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 16.10 governs the County Service Area (CSA) paramedic fees and fire prevention fees;

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 16.10.040 specifically authorizes the Marin County Fire Chief to prepare a proposed Master Fee Schedule for consideration and adoption by the Board of Supervisors in the form of a Resolution;

**WHEREAS**, the fees for basic life support (BLS) and advanced life support (ALS) ambulance and paramedic services furnished by the Marin County Fire Department in CSA 28 need to be increased and revised to reflect the actual cost of providing these services and accordingly, Exhibit A to Chapter 16.10 of the Marin County Code should be amended to reflect such increases;

**WHEREAS**, the Master Fee Schedule has been updated and is attached as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk of the Board shall cause notice of this fee increase to be provided pursuant to California Government Code Section 6062a and a public hearing shall occur for the consideration of adoption of this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Exhibit A, reflecting the fee increases for CSA 28 Paramedic/Ambulance Fee Schedule and Fire Prevention Fee Schedule is hereby amended and this Board adopts this revised Exhibit A as the new fee schedule and the Board specifically finds that these costs reflect the actual costs of providing these services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Marin County Code Section 16.10 Exhibit A is amended and the new costs reflected in Exhibit A shall replace the costs depicted in Exhibit A in the Marin County Code;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin finds that adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 15061(b)(3).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect sixty (60) days after its final passage, and the summary of this Resolution shall be published within fifteen (15) days after the adoption, together with the names of the Board of Supervisors voting for or against same, in the *Marin Independent Journal*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Marin, State of California.

Within fifteen (15) days after adoption, the Clerk of the Marin County Board of Supervisors shall also post in the office of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, a certified copy of the full text of this Resolution along with the names of those Board of Supervisors members voting for and against the Resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this 21st day of June, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES:

ABSENT:

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PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

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CLERK

**EXHIBIT A**

**COUNTY SERVICE AREA 28 PARAMEDIC/AMBULANCE FEE  
SCHEDULE AND FIRE PREVENTION FEE SCHEDULE**

**CSA 28 PARAMEDIC/AMBULANCE FEE SCHEDULE**

**COUNTY SERVICE AREA 28 PARAMEDIC/AMBULANCE PROPOSED FEE  
SCHEDULE CHANGES AND FIRE PREVENTION FEE SCHEDULE**

**CSA 28 PARAMEDIC/AMBULANCE FEE SCHEDULE**

The Board of Supervisors for County Service Area 28 establishes the following fee schedule. The Marin County Fire Department shall charge the following fees for basic life support and advanced life support ambulance and paramedic services furnished by the department pursuant to the creation of County Service Area 28. These fees reflect the actual cost of providing these services:

**Proposed Based Rate Fee Schedule:**

Description	Proposed	Current	% Difference
Advanced life support (ALS)/Basic Life Support (BLS) 1 base rate:	\$1,882.43	\$1,292.00	45%
Mileage: (per mile)	\$48.15	\$20	140%
Oxygen:	\$124.97	\$91	37%
Extra Attendant	\$125.50	\$0	
Wait Time	\$69.20	\$0	
First Responder	\$375.00	\$0	
BLS Disposable Supplies	\$303.67	\$0	
ALS Disposable Supplies	\$363.67	\$0	

IV Supplies	\$79.90	\$0	
12 Lead Electrocardiogram (EKG)	\$285.00	\$0	
3 Lead EKG	\$156.48	\$0	

- **Fire Prevention Fee Schedule – No change at this time**

The board of supervisors establishes the following fees for the fire department fire prevention bureau. These fees reflect the actual costs of providing the services. The fee schedule reflects the minimum time that county staff will expend on plan check and inspections. Where a minimum is set, that minimum reflects the fact that the plan check and/or inspection will take at least the amount of time that is indicated. Should further time be required, then the rate of one hundred seventy-seven dollars per hour shall be applicable. Additionally, the fire department is hereby authorized to charge fees for any services incurred by the fire department when reviewing permit applications or performing services that are not reflected in this Exhibit A at an hourly rate of one hundred seventy-seven dollars per hour.

Residential Fire Sprinkler System	\$354.00
Commercial Fire Sprinkler System (Overhead Piping 31 heads or more)	\$531.00
Commercial T.I. 1—10 heads	\$295.00
Commercial T.I. 11—30 heads	\$354.00
Underground	\$354.00
VMP Single-Family Dwelling	\$354.00
VMP Subdivision:	
2—5 Residences	\$531.00
6—15 Residences	\$1,416.00
16 or more Residences	\$1,770.00
Ministerial Permits	\$295.00
WUI Fire Protection Plan	\$354.00

Fire Alarm/Detection Systems	\$354.00
Pre-Engineered Systems	\$354.00
SFM Facility 25 or less	\$50.00
SFM Facility 26 or more	\$100.00
California Fire Code Permit	\$295.00
Photovoltaic Systems	\$354.00