



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.  
**C-5**

For the meeting of: June 2, 2015

Date: April 27, 2015  
 To: Board of Supervisors  
 From: Phillip R. Crandall, Director *Simon Buckley*  
 Department of Health and Human Services – Public Health  
 Subject: Ground Ambulance Permit Renewals for Fiscal Year 2015-16

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorizes the Health Officer to renew ambulance operating permits for Fiscal Year 2015-16 for the following ground ambulance providers:

Provider Name	Service Area Zone	# Permits
Arcata-Mad River Ambulance	I. Northwest (Arcata/McKinleyville)	1
K'ima:w Medical Center Rescue Ambulance	II. East (Hoopa)	1
City Ambulance of Eureka	III. Central (Eureka)	1
City Ambulance DBA Fortuna Rescue Ambulance	IV. South (Fortuna Sub-Zone)	1
City Ambulance DBA Garberville Ambulance	IV. South (Garberville Sub-Zone)	
Southern Trinity Area Rescue	IV. Southern Trinity/Eastern Humboldt – Highway 36 Corridor	1

Prepared by Bill Linn, HPP Coordinator

CAO Approval *Amy Olsen*

REVIEW:

Auditor *MDM* County Counsel *an* Human Resources *[Signature]* Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. C-22

Meeting of: 6/24/2014

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

Upon motion of Supervisor *Lovelace* Seconded by Supervisor *Sundberg*

- Ayes *Sundberg, Lovelace, Fennell, Bohn*
- Nays \_\_\_\_\_
- Abstain \_\_\_\_\_
- Absent *Bass*

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: June 2, 2015  
 By: *[Signature]*  
 Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Public Health Funds

DISCUSSION:

Ambulance services in Humboldt County are regulated under the provision of the County Code Title V-Health and Safety, Division 5, Emergency Medical Services System. Code Section 551-3 Ambulance Service Permit mandates ambulance companies must hold a current valid permit for operation of an ambulance service. The County issues five (5) permits annually to provide ground ambulance services in four (4) service areas. Code Sections 551-4 (a) through (e) and 551-7 allow the renewal of existing permits shall be approved when the Board of Supervisors find that all provisions of the sections have been met. The Permit Officer (Health Officer) has reviewed each renewal application and required documentation provided and has determined that they meet those provisions which include approved rates for services, required insurance coverage, and payment of fees.

Therefore, the Health Officer requests that your Board authorize the issuance of the five (5) operating permits for the provision of ground ambulance services throughout the County for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The current fee for an ambulance permit is \$65 annually, as set forth in the approved fee schedule for fiscal year 2015-16. This fee is reviewed and changed, if necessary, annually through the Humboldt County fee process. Fees for ambulance permits are deposited into Fund 1175, Budget Unit 400, Public Health Administration. The estimated revenue from Ambulance Permits was included in the proposed County Budget in the amount \$455 for fiscal year 2015-16. Public Health administrative staff will continue to provide program and fiscal support using existing resources.

The proposed permit renewals support the Board's Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations and providing community-appropriate levels of service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board could choose not to authorize the renewal of ground ambulance permits for fiscal year 2015-16, however this is not recommended. County Code Title V – Health and Safety, Division 5, Emergency Medical Services System requires permits for ambulance services. Further, County Code Title V – Health and Safety, Division 5, Emergency Medical Services System, Chapter 1 – Establishment of Emergency Medical Services System and Regulation of Ambulance Services states that “[a]pplications for renewal of an existing permit shall be approved when the Board of Supervisors finds that the provisions of Sections 551-4 (a) through (e) and 551-7 have been met.” As set forth above, the Health Officer has reviewed the applications for fiscal year 2015-16 and has determined that they meet those provisions.

ATTACHMENTS:

Applications, required documentation, proof of fee payment, and certificates of insurance for the following:

1. Arcata-Mad River Ambulance – Zone I
2. K’ima:w Medical Center Rescue Ambulance – Zone II
3. City Ambulance of Eureka – Zones III and IV
4. Southern Trinity Area Rescue – Zone IV