



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-16

For the meeting of: May 24, 2016

Date: April 15, 2016

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Connie Beck, Director *SBuchley*
Department of Health and Human Services – Public Health

Subject: Ground Ambulance Permit Renewals for Fiscal Year 2016-17

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorizes the Health Officer to renew ambulance operating permits for fiscal year 2016-17 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 of Eureka	IV. South (Fortuna Sub-Zone) IV. South (Garberville Sub-Zone)	1
Southern Trinity Area Rescue	IV. Southern Trinity/Eastern Humboldt – Highway 36	1

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Public Health Funds

DISCUSSION:

Ambulance services in Humboldt County are regulated under the provision of County Code Title V- Health

Prepared by Bill Linn, HPP Coordinator

CAO Approval *E. Eschmacler*

REVIEW:

Auditor *AL*

County Counsel *an*

Human Resources *KW*

Other

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. C-5

Meeting of: 6/2/2015

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor *Fennell* Seconded by Supervisor *Bass*

Ayes *Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass*
Nays
Abstain
Absent

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

Dated: *May 24, 2016*

By: *Kathy Hayes*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

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. Service Area/Zone IV is shared by City Ambulance of Eureka covering Fortuna and Garberville Sub-Zones while Southern Trinity Area Rescue covers Southern Trinity/Eastern Humboldt in the Highway 36 corridor. Code sections 551-4 (a) through (e) and 551-7 allows renewal of existing permits by the Board of Supervisors if it is found 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, vehicle inspection reports, and payment of fees.

Therefore, the Permit Officer (Health Officer) requests that your Board authorize the issuance of the five (5) operating permits for the provision of ground services throughout the county for fiscal year 2016-17.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The current fee for an ambulance permit is \$196 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 for fiscal year 2016-17. 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 2016-17, 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, 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 Permit Officer (Health Officer) has reviewed the applications for fiscal year 2016-17 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