

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 4, 1981

LODI AMBULANCE  
SERVICE

As requested by Mayor Pro Tempore McCarty, City Attorney Stein prepared a letter regarding the relationship between the City of Lodi and the ambulance service operating therein.

Council discussion followed with Mayor Katnich appointing Mayor Pro Tempore McCarty to review the ambulance rates.



Lodi

**Ambulance  
Service, Inc.**

1700 SOUTH STOCKTON STREET  
LODI, CALIFORNIA 95240  
(209) 334-0830

February 10, 1981

Lodi City Councilmen  
City of Lodi  
221 W. Pine St.  
Lodi, CA 95240

Gentlemen:

Please accept this request for a rate increase, for you understand in today's inflation it is impossible to hold prices with the cost of manpower, fuel and supplies used going up almost on a daily basis. We have a responsibility to the people we serve to provide the best quality service to the sick and injured that is humanly possible. To keep a high standard today, we must keep current with our equipment and manpower. Paramedics are professional personnel trained to the highest competency of all state and county levels of emergency field medicine. To keep the professional paramedic, we must compensate them for their knowledge, skills and time so that we do not lose quality trained personnel to other cities.

With all of these demands upon the company, we find it necessary to request an inflation increase to our present rate structure. A cost projection of 23% inflationary raise would enable us to stay at a level of professional service that our community now enjoys. This still would bring us below the state average of cost of service, but place us high in quality for the services the people receive. As always, we will do all possible to hold cost to the best interest of the people we serve.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at my office.

Sincerely,

  
Perry D. Schimke  
Controller

PDS:jm

Enclosures

**Medi-Cab**

**Lodi Medical Products**

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Cricothyroid stick		75.00

Lodi Ambulance Service, Inc.  
A California Corporation  
Income Statement (Cash Basis)  
For the 12 month Period Ending Dec. 31, 1980

INCOME:

Total Cash Basis Income from Ambulance Services:	\$372,252.48
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OPERATING EXPENCES:

Salaries	\$133,649.87
Insurance	35,881.89
Notes & Contracts (Interest)	37,643.88
Rent	14,400.00
Advertising & Promotion	5,157.02
Telephone & Utilities	8,247.65
Legal & Accounting	2,239.70
Radio & Medical Equipment	5,531.27
Medical Supplies	2,289.61
Taxes & Licenses	957.00
Payroll Taxes	61,245.42
Laundry	3,201.56
Office Expence	9,661.74
Auto Maintenance	7,970.06
Gas & Oil	15,882.27
Refunds	8,892.91
Depreciation Expence	8,403.00
Officers - Operating Expence	<u>12,727.00</u>

Total Operating Expence:	<u>\$366,558.85</u>
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Net Income:	<u><u>5,693.63</u></u>
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The Accompanying Letter is an  
integral part of this statement.

(Unaudited)

CALIFORNIA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION  
RATE SURVEY AS OF DECEMBER 1980

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>BASE</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>	<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>EMERGENCY</u>	<u>OXYGEN</u>
Alameda	95.00	4.50	16.50	15.00	16.50
Amador	60.00	4.50	12.50	12.50	12.50
Butte	82.50	4.00	19.00	20.00	16.00
Contra Costa	85.50	5.00	20.00	25.00	20.00
Fresno	105.00	5.00	25.00	25.00	15.00
Humboldt	100.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Los Angeles	75.00	4.00	9.00	10.00	9.00
Monterey	75.00	3.50	15.00	15.00	10.00
Napa	75.00	3.50	10.00	15.00	8.00
Orange	75.00	4.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Placer	90.00	5.00	15.00	25.00	15.00
Plumas	65.00	3.00	15.00	15.00	10.00
Riverside	73.00	4.00	20.00	25.00	10.00
Sacramento	75.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
San Bernardino	70.00	3.00	10.00	15.00	7.50
San Diego	84.00	4.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
San Francisco	85.00	4.00	14.00	14.00	12.00
S.J. (Tracy)	89.00	4.50	22.50	35.00	25.00
San Luis Obispo	95.00	5.00	30.00	30.00	20.00
San Mateo	115.00	4.50	15.00	25.00	15.00
Santa Barbara	99.00	5.50	22.00	39.00	23.00
Santa Clara	115.00	3.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
Shasta	85.00	4.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
Siskiyou	85.00	4.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
Solano	80.00	4.50	15.00	15.00	13.00
Sonoma	95.00	6.00	30.00	40.00	25.00
Stanislaus	89.00	4.50	22.50	35.00	25.00
Tulare	70.00	3.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
Tuolumne	90.00	4.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
Ventura	85.00	5.25	20.00	25.00	20.00
Yolo	90.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	18.00
Averages	85.54	4.39	17.03	20.17	15.50

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers  
From: Ron Stein, City Attorney  
Re: Ambulance Service Operations  
Date: March 3, 1981

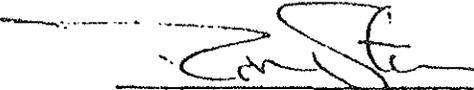
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Jim McCarty has asked my office to let you know the relationship between the City of Lodi and the ambulance service operating herein.

Attached for your information is a copy of City Code Section 2A-1 et seq. regarding the operation of ambulance vehicles within the City of Lodi. The relationship of the City of Lodi to the ambulance company is one of the City, through its police power, licensing the ambulance company within the City of Lodi.

Basically, an ambulance company which intends to operate in a city is required to file for a permit to operate. The City Council would then conduct a hearing regarding the need and necessity for the proposed service in the City of Lodi and the qualifications of the particular ambulance company to serve the citizens of the City.

As to the issue of the rates to be charged by the ambulance company, the City's position appears to be one of non-regulation except where there appears to be a need to regulate the ambulance company in charging rates to the citizens of the City of Lodi. Section 2A-3 permits the City Council to finally determine and fix the rates to be charged by the operator if they so choose. Other cities, such as Stockton, set the rates after a long and arduous procedure requiring many meetings between the ambulance company and the City Council to determine the adequacy of the rates. The City of Lodi's position allows the City Council to set rates if there is a need, but does not require the City Council to set the rates.

  
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RONALD M. STEIN  
CITY ATTORNEY

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**Article I. In General.****Sec. 2A-1. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

*Ambulance.* Any privately-owned vehicle equipped or used for transporting the wounded, injured or sick, including, but is not restricted to, emergency vehicles used for such purpose.

*Ambulance operator.* Any person engaged in the business of carrying or transporting wounded, injured or sick persons for hire over and along public streets. (Ord. No. 756, § 1.)

**Sec. 2A-2. Establishment of rules and regulations for operation and maintenance.**

The city council by resolution may prescribe rules and regulations for the operation and maintenance of ambulance service. (Ord. No. 756, § 14.)

**Sec. 2A-3. Rate schedule to be filed; adherence to rate schedule required.**

The owner of every ambulance operating in the city shall file, with his application for an operator's permit, a true and correct schedule of rates to be charged for the transportation of passengers in all vehicles operated by such owner. Such rates shall not be changed or modified in any manner without first filing the changed or modified rates with the city council thirty days prior to the effective date of such change or modification.

The city council reserves the right to finally determine and fix, by resolution, the rates to be charged by the operator of the ambulance service. (Ord. No. 756, § 13.)

**Sec. 2A-4. Only licensed ambulance drivers and attendants to be employed by ambulance service.**

Each permittee and ambulance operator under this chapter shall employ only those persons who have obtained an ambulance driver's or attendant's permit issued by the department of motor vehicles of the state. (Ord. No. 756, § 2.)

Article II. Ambulance Operators' Permits.

Sec. 2A-5. Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of operating an ambulance in the city without first securing a permit so to do from the city according to each and every requirement of this chapter and without complying with each and every regulation contained in this chapter pertaining to the business of carrying or transporting wounded, injured or sick persons for hire. (Ord. No. 756, § 2.)

Sec. 2A-6. Exceptions.

No ambulance operator's permit shall be required of any person who delivers but does not pick up wounded, injured or sick persons in the city or of any person who picks up wounded, injured or sick persons in the city to deliver to a point outside the city. (Ord. No. 756, § 2.)

Sec. 2A-7. Application; fee.

Any person desiring to obtain the permit required by section 2A-5, shall pay a fee of ten dollars to the city clerk, and shall make application for such permit to the city council. The application shall be signed by the applicant and shall set forth:

- (a) The name, business and address of the applicant.
- (b) The name and address of the owner of the ambulance business.
- (c) The number and type, age, condition and patient capacity of each ambulance proposed to be operated by the applicant, stating the make and year of manufacture.
- (d) The fact that such ambulances comply with sections 2416, 2418, 21714 of the Vehicle Code of the state and Title 13 of the Administrative Code of the state as well as all other state laws and orders applicable to the licensing of emergency vehicles.

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- (e) The color scheme, insignia, name, monogram or other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate the private ambulance or private ambulances of the applicant.
- (f) The location and description of the place from which the business is intended to operate and the vehicles are to be stored.
- (g) The schedule of rates proposed to be charged for ambulance service.
- (h) The experience of the applicant in the transportation of wounded, injured and sick persons.
- (i) The fact that all operators of ambulances shall hold ambulance drivers' certificates issued by the department of motor vehicles of the state.
- (j) Any facts which the applicant believes tend to prove that public convenience and necessity require the granting of a permit and such other information as the city council may require. (Ord. No. 756, § 3.)

### Sec. 2A-8. Investigation; fingerprinting and photographing of applicant.

Upon the filing of an application for an ambulance operator's permit, the city clerk shall direct the chief of police to cause an investigation to be made and file a report within thirty days from the date of filing of the application. The chief of police shall require the applicant or any person named in the application to be fingerprinted and photographed. (Ord. No. 756, § 3.)

### Sec. 2A-9. Council hearing to determine public convenience and necessity—Required.

Upon the filling of a fully completed application for a permit to engage in the business of operating an ambulance, and receipt of the report of the chief of police, the city clerk shall present the application to the city council who shall fix a time for a public hearing thereon for the purpose of determining whether the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service. No permit shall be granted until the council shall, after investigation and hearing, declare by resolution that the public convenience and necessity require the proposed

service and that the same will promote the convenience, safety and welfare of the general public. (Ord. No. 756, § 4.)

Sec. 2A-10. Same—Notice.

Notice of the hearing required by section 2A-9 shall be given to all persons to whom permits for operation of ambulances have been theretofore issued. Notice of the time and place of the public hearing before the city council shall also be given to the general public by causing a notice of such hearing to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city. One publication shall be made at least five days before the hearing. (Ord. No. 756, § 5.)

Sec. 2A-11. Liability insurance required.

No ambulance operator's permit shall be issued or continued in operation unless there is in full force and effect a policy of insurance in such form as the city attorney may deem proper, executed by an insurance company approved by the city attorney, whereby the owner and the driver of each of the vehicles described in such permit are insured against liability for damage to property and for injury to or death of any person as a result of the ownership, operation or other use thereof, the minimum liability limits upon each such vehicle being not less than one hundred thousand dollars on account of personal injury to or death of any one person in any one accident and two hundred thousand dollars on account of personal injuries to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, and the minimum liability limits upon each such vehicle being not less than fifteen thousand dollars for damage to or destruction of property in any one accident. Such policy of insurance shall contain an endorsement providing that the policy will not be cancelled until notice in writing shall have been given to the city addressed in care of the City Clerk, City Hall, Lodi, California, at least ten days immediately prior to the time such cancellation shall become effective. (Ord. No. 756, § 12.)

Sec. 2A-12. Prerequisites to issuance.

Upon completing its investigation and hearing pursuant to section 2A-9 the city council shall grant the applicant an ambulance operator's permit if it finds:

- (a) That the vehicles described in the application and proposed to be used comply with all pertinent state laws.

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(b) That the color scheme, insignia, name, monogram or other distinguishing characteristics proposed to be used upon such ambulances is not in conflict with and does not imitate any color scheme, insignia, name, monogram or other distinguishing characteristics used by any other person in such manner as to mislead or tend to mislead, deceive or defraud the public.

(c) That further ambulance service in the city is required by the public convenience and necessity and that the applicant is fit, willing and able to perform ambulance service and to conform to the provisions of this chapter and such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the city council. In making such finding the city council shall take into consideration the number of ambulances already in operation, whether existing ambulance service is adequate to meet the public need, the probable effect of increased ambulance service on local traffic conditions and the character, experience and responsibility of the applicant. (Ord. No. 756, § 6.)

**Sec. 2A-13. Issuance; contents.**

If the city council, by resolution, shall find and declare that public convenience and necessity require the proposed ambulance service or will admit additional ambulance service, a permit to that effect shall be issued by the city clerk to the person entitled thereto, and the city council in its discretion shall determine the total number of ambulances which may be operated under such permit. The permit when issued shall state the name and address of the applicant, the number of ambulances that may be operated under such permit and the date of issuance thereof. No permit authorized under this article shall be issued to any person who shall not have fully complied with all the requirements of this chapter (Ord. No. 756, § 2.)

**Sec. 2A-14. Term.**

An ambulance operator's permit issued pursuant to this article shall continue to be valid from the date of issuance until the conditions stated in the application have been changed or the permit is suspended or revoked by the city council for any of the reasons set forth in this chapter. (Ord. No. 756, § 8.)

**Sec. 2A-15. Transferability.**

If the ambulance operator to whom an ambulance operator's permit has been issued desires to sell or transfer his business, the interested buyer or transferee shall make application for an ambulance operator's permit as required by this article accompanied by an affidavit of seller of intention to surrender and cancel the permit held by such ambulance operator conditionally upon and concurrently with consummation of such sale and issuance of a permit in the name of the buyer. If a buyer-applicant or transferee-applicant for a permit meets all the requirements set forth in this chapter for issuance of an ambulance operator's permit, the city council shall issue a new permit to the buyer-applicant and concurrently therewith cancel the seller's permit. (Ord. No. 756, § 10.)

**Sec. 2A-16. Substitution of vehicles.**

Any person holding a permit to operate one or more ambulances as provided in this chapter who desires to change or amend such permit to substitute a different vehicle or add another vehicle for a vehicle operated under such permit shall do so only when there has been obtained permission therefor from the city clerk. Such permission shall be granted upon written application setting forth the particulars of such proposed substitution or addition, and upon otherwise complying with the requirements of this chapter. (Ord. No. 756, § 11.)

**Sec. 2A-17. Daily operation of ambulance service required; failure grounds for revocation of permit.**

Every person to whom an ambulance operator's permit has been issued shall regularly and daily operate his business during each day of the license year to the extent reasonably necessary to meet the public demand for such service. Upon an ambulance operator's failure to provide such service, the city clerk may, upon five days' written notice to the holder of such permit, and unless good and sufficient cause for such abandonment is evidenced, revoke such permit. (Ord. No. 756, § 15.)

**Sec. 2A-18. Revocation or suspension—City council.**

The city council may at any time revoke, suspend or change, after notice to and an opportunity of hearing being given to the holder

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thereof, a permit granted if the ambulance operator or driver or attendant fails to operate an ambulance authorized under this chapter in accordance with the provisions of the applicable state law and this chapter. All permits which shall have been suspended or revoked by the city council shall be surrendered to the city clerk and the operation of all ambulances covered by such permits shall cease, and the continued operation thereof shall thereafter constitute a violation of this chapter. (Ord. No. 756, § 9.)

Sec. 2A-19. Same—Chief of police.

The chief of police may suspend or revoke any ambulance operator's permit upon finding that the permit holder no longer complies in full with the conditions of this application and this chapter. (Ord. No. 756, § 16.)

### CHAPTER 3.

#### Animals and Fowl.

- § 3-1. Public pound to be maintained.
- § 3-2. Powers and duties of animal control officer generally.
- § 3-3. Livestock within city limits.
- § 3-4. Number of dogs/cats permitted within the city.
- § 3-5. Dogs and cats over certain age—Permit required to keep.
- § 3-6. Dogs and cats over certain age must be registered.
- § 3-7. Dog and cat registration fee.
- § 3-8. Annual registration fee—Due date—Penalties for delinquent payment.
- § 3-9. "Seeing Eye" dogs—Permit.
- § 3-10. Registered dogs and cats must wear collar identification tag attached.
- § 3-11. Replacement of lost identification tags.
- § 3-12. Dogs over certain age must be vaccinated.
- § 3-13. Vaccination—Prerequisite to obtaining permit.
- § 3-14. Exceptions.
- § 3-15. Business license fee for raising dogs and cats.
- § 3-16. Dogs or cats which injure persons or damage property.
- § 3-17. Procedure when rabies exists in city or surrounding areas.
- § 3-18. Procedure when dog or cat bites person.
- § 3-19. Animal control officer's duties to impound animals.
- § 3-20. Redemption of impounded animals or fowl.

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July 8, 1981

Lodi Ambulance Service, Inc.  
1709 South Stockton Street  
Lodi, CA 95240

Attn: Perry D. Schimke

Gentlemen:

This letter will confirm that on February 13, 1981 I received correspondence from the Lodi Ambulance Service, Inc. requesting a rate increase. A copy of the proposed rates are attached. The request was presented to the Lodi City Council at its regular meeting on February 18, 1981.

Pursuant to the City of Lodi Code, the proposed rates became effective 30 days following receipt of the request by the City Council. Therefore the attached rates became effective March 13, 1981.

The City Code of the City of Lodi further allows the City Council to set rates if there is a need but does not require the Council to set the rates.

Very truly yours,

  
Alice M. Reimche  
City Clerk

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