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CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 7, 1984

LODI AMBULANCE  
SERVICE RATE  
MODIFICATION

Regular agenda item K-1 - "Staff report re Lodi Ambulance Service notice of rate modification received February 22, 1984" was introduced by City Manager Graves and Assistant City Manager Glenn. Mr. Glenn reported that if the Council wanted a full audit, that it was not available for this meeting. Mr. Glenn reported that the Lodi Ambulance Service had not had a rate increase for the past 18 months and felt that it would not be necessary to request another one if the rate modification before the Council was implemented. A lengthy discussion followed with questions being directed to Staff and to Mr. Mike Nilssen, President of Lodi Ambulance Service who was in the audience.

Mayor Pro Tempore Snider stated that he feels that City should receive a copy of the audit and make the necessary review.

A discussion followed with additional questions being posed.

On motion of Council Member Reid, Pinkerton second, Council voted to take no action on the recent rate modification received from the Lodi Ambulance Service, therefore the new rates will be implemented as set forth in the letter received February 22, 1984.

Mayor Pro Tempore Snider reiterated that the City should receive a copy of the audit.

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## Lodi Ambulance Service

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February 21, 1984

Alice Reimche  
City Clerk  
City of Lodi  
221 West Pine Street  
Lodi, California 95240

Dear Mrs. Reimche,

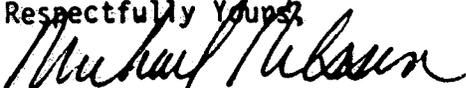
This is to notify the City of Lodi of a rate modification we plan to implement for our fiscal 1984-1985 budget.

This adjustment will allow us to cover an approximate \$75,000.00 increase in cost of operation of which approximately \$39,000.00 will go to salary and benefit increases and \$36,000.00 for equipment purchases and replacement.

Enclosed in this packet is the new and old rate schedule, an explanation of actual out of pocket expense to the user for basic and advance care service we would provide.

Any further communication should be directed to my office.

Respectfully Yours,



Michael Nilssen  
President

Enclosures

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We feel this justifiable as we are eliminating all Orthopedic and Obstetrical service fees as individual charge items. The charges will be expensed out in the new ambulance fees. The necessity behind this is to allow a smoother billing system due to the social reimbursement programs which reimburse us for these services in the Basic Ambulance Rates. We have eliminated three Advances Life Support fees; Suctioning, Oral Airway and Esophageal Intubation. The suction fee will be expensed out in the basic rates. The airway and esophageal intubation are becoming obsolete in use and if used will be expensed out in the ALS Fee of \$55.00 we currently charge.

There will be no increase in ALS fees at the current time and we do not foresee any increase in the current future.

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## BASIC LIFE SUPPORT CARE

### BASE RATE

	<u>1982 SCHEDULE</u>	<u>1984 SCHEDULE</u>
1 Patient	95.00	107.00
2 Patients (each)	80.75	96.30
3 Patients (each)	76.60	90.95
MILEAGE (per mile)	5.00	6.00
NIGHT CALL (7 am to 7 pm)	20.00	28.00
EMERGENCY	20.00	30.00
OXYGEN	25.00	20.00
WAITING TIME (per 15 min.)	14.25	15.00
STAND-BY TIME (per 15 min.)	10.75	10.75

## ADVANCE LIFE SUPPORT CARE

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TELEMETRY	20.00	20.00
EKG	40.00	40.00
HEART/LUNG RESUSCITATOR	40.00	40.00
SUCTION	16.00	omit
RESUSCITATOR	16.00	16.00
ORAL AIRWAY	5.00	omit
ENDO TRACHEAL INTUBATION	40.00	40.00
ESOPHOGEAL INTUBATION	40.00	omit
MED ANTI SHOCK TROUSERS	34.00	34.00
NEEDLE THORACOTOMY	75.00	75.00
NEEDLE CRICOTRACHEOTOMY	75.00	75.00

## ORTHOPEDIC CARE

ORTHOPEDIC STRETCHER	25.00	omit
SPINAL BOARD SHORT	16.00	omit
SPINAL BOARD LONG	16.00	omit
SAND BAGS (each)	3.50	omit
LADDER SPLINT	16.00	omit
TRACTION SPLINT	16.00	omit
CARDBOARD SPLINT	12.00	omit
INFLATION SPLINT	12.00	omit

## OBSTETRIC CARE

CHILD DELIVERY	40.00	omit
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March 15, 1984

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise that on February 22, 1984 the Lodi City Council received the attached letter advising of a rate modification the Lodi Ambulance Service plans to implement for their 1984-85 budget.

Please be further advised that Section 2A-3 of the Lodi City Code reads as follows:

"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 or fix, by resolution, the rates to be charged by the operator of the ambulance service (Ord. No. 756, §13)

Following receipt of a staff report concerning this matter, Council voted at its March 7, 1984 council meeting not to take any action regarding this matter.

Please feel free to call this office should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Alice M. Reimche*  
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Nilssen".

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