

Continued November 18, 1987

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 1987

RATE MODIFICATION
APPROVED FOR LODI
AMBULANCE SERVICE

RES. NO. 87-159

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Council at its last meeting received a letter from the Lodi Ambulance Service requesting a rate modification effective November 18, 1987. Representatives of the Lodi Ambulance Service were not able to be present at the November 4, 1987 meeting. Council requested that the matter be placed on the agenda for this meeting.

Council was presented with back-up data from the Lodi Ambulance Service, including some daily dispatch logs.

Mr. Michael Nilssen, President, Lodi Ambulance Service was in attendance and addressed the Council regarding the matter and responded to questions as were posed by the Council.

Following discussion, on motion of Council Member Pinkerton, Hinchman second, Council adopted Resolution No. 87-159 approving the request of the Lodi Ambulance Service for a rate modification effective November 18, 1987.

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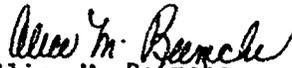
Mr. Michael Nilssen
President Lodi Ambulance Service
1709 South Stockton Street
Lodi, CA 95240

Dear Mr. Nilssen:

Enclosed herewith please find a certified copy of Resolution No. 87-159 approving the request of the Lodi Ambulance Service for a rate modification effective November 18, 1987.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call this office.

Very truly yours


Alice M. Reimche
City Clerk

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Life Medical Ambulance Service Rate Modification

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Base Rate Non-Emergency-----	\$ 100.00	\$ 135.00
Base Rate Emergency-----	145.00	181.00
Base Rate-----	285.00	331.00
Advance Life Support		
Night Call----- (7:00pm - 7:00am)	30.00	-3.00
Oxygen (per use)-----	22.00	26.00
Mileage (per mile)-----	6.50	7.00
Waiting Time----- (per 1/2 hours)	20.00	24.00

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RESOLUTION NO. 87-159

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE LODI AMBULANCE SERVICE
FOR A RATE MODIFICATION EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 18, 1987

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby approve the request of the Lodi Ambulance Service for a rate modification effective November 18, 1987, as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and thereby made a part hereof.

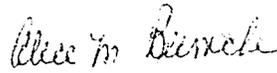
Dated: November 18, 1987

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 87-159 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held November 18, 1987 by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members - Hinchman, Pinkerton, Reid, Snider and Olson (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - None

Absent: Council Members - None


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City Clerk

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November 6, 1987

Ms. Joann Hodge
Chief Financial Officer
Life Medical Industries, Inc.
Lodi Ambulance Service
1709 South Stockton Street
Lodi, CA 95240

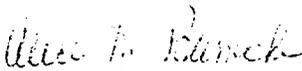
Dear Ms. Hodge:

Please be advised that your October 15, 1987 letter giving thirty day notification of a rate modification was presented to the Lodi City Council at its regular council meeting of November 4, 1987.

Council was advised that representatives of your company were unable to be present at this meeting but if there were questions you would be available for the November 18, 1987 meeting. Council directed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the meeting of November 18, 1987.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call this office.

Very truly yours,


Alice M. Reimche
City Clerk

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C O U N C I L C O M M U N I C A T I O N

TO: THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

COUNCIL MEETING DATE
November 18, 1987

NO.

SUBJECT: CONSIDER REQUEST OF LODI AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR RATE MODIFICATION

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council consider the request of Lodi Ambulance Service for a rate modification and take action as deemed appropriate.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At its last regular meeting the City Council heard a proposal submitted by Lodi Ambulance Service for a rate modification (Exhibit A). The City Code provides that 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." Staff has met with Mr. Mike Nilssen, the ambulance service operator, obtained back-up data from him, including some daily dispatch logs (Exhibit B), and prepared the attached report. Mr. Nilssen will be in attendance at Wednesday night's meeting to present his request and to answer any questions Councilmembers may have.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas A. Peterson
City Manager

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Attachments

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CURRENT AMBULANCE RATES OF COUNTY JURISDICTIONS

Maximum Rate by Service	Lodi	C O U N T Y J U R I S D I C T I O N				Tracy
		Ripon	Escalon	Stockton	Manteca	
Base Rate Non-Emergency	\$100.00	\$138.00	\$138.00	\$138.00	\$138.00	\$149.50
Base Rate Emergency	143.00	181.00	181.00	181.00	181.00	241.50
Advance Life Support Rate	285.00	331.00	331.00	331.00	331.00	274.00
Night Call (7pm-7am)	30.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	46.00
Oxygen (per use)	22.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	46.00
Mileage (per mile)	6.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00

(Standby rates are not regulated by the County; the current rate for Lodi is \$20.00 per half hour with a proposed rate of \$24.00)

Base Rates refers to standard charges for emergency and non-emergency transfers of ill or injured persons, as opposed to Advance Life Support Rate, which would apply to transfers where the patient requires extensive care (such as resuscitation) in life-threatening circumstances.

Night Calls involve an additional charge to one of the three above mentioned rates where the transfer occurs between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Oxygen is a flat rate added to one of the three base rates for any transfer wherein the patient requires oxygen.

Mileage refers to a set charge added to one of the three base rates for each mile involved in the patient transfer.

On September 29, 1987 the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 87-874 Resolution Setting Ambulance Rates (Exhibit C) which allows ambulance providers to charge rates equal to or below set rates effective October 1, 1987:

Base Rate Non-Emergency	\$138.00
Base Rate Emergency	\$181.00
Advance Life Support Rate	\$331.00
Night Call	\$ 43.00
Oxygen	\$ 26.00
Mileage	\$ 8.00

This rate structure applies to county areas and to incorporated areas where the City Council has adopted the ordinance. In order to allow charges above these maximum rates, the ambulance provider must provide justification to the City Council within its service zone. The City Council must then approve the higher rates and obtain the concurrence of the County Board of Supervisors.

As of November 11, 1987 the cities of Ripon, Manteca, Escalon, and Stockton are observing the County-approved rates; the City of Tracy has adopted a different rate structure (shown on chart); and the City of Lodi maintains its own rate structure by ordinance.

In preparing this study, Elaine Hatch, San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Coordinator, was contacted and confirmed this information. She noted that San Joaquin County conducted a very extensive survey of ambulance rates and that the County reviewed them every year. In comparison to other counties, rates for San Joaquin County are somewhat below the average charges. It was her belief that the new San Joaquin County rates are soundly based, reasonable from a consumers point of view and fair to ambulance service providers. Also, rates in the county include a wide variety of miscellaneous charges which are often listed separately in other counties.

LIFE MEDICAL INDUSTRIES, INC.

OCT 20 '87

October 15, 1987

City Manager's Office

Mr. Thomas Peterson
Lodi City Manager
Lodi City Hall
222 W. Pine Street
Lodi, California 95240

Dear Mr. Peterson,

We are advising you with a thirty (30) day notification of a fee adjustment.

Due to an increase in operational expenses during the past nineteen (19) months and the projection for expanding systems we deem it necessary to adjust our fees.

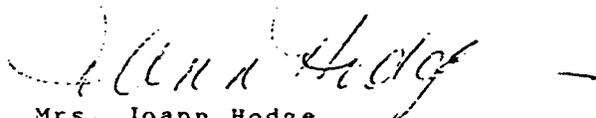
Our future goals are to computerize our Communications Center. This will enable us to track our ambulances and systematically send the closest ambulance. We have added an additional ambulance to service the community due to an increase in simultaneous calls. However, we have not really generated any significant increase in patient transports. Our personnel costs and benefits have increased and will continue to do so during the next year.

We will be adjusting fees to the County maximum allowance except for mileage of which will be adjusted to \$7.00.

Any questions with regard to this communication, please contact me at (209) 339-4021.

Respectfully,

LIFE MEDICAL INDUSTRIES, Inc



Mrs. Joann Hodge
Chief Financial Officer

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SERVING SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SINCE 1969

ALL CITY AMBULANCE
245 W. CHARTER WAY

LODI AMBULANCE
4700 S. STOCKTON

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Waiting Time----- (per 1/2 hours)	20.00	24.00

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§ 36.250 Rates to be charged for ambulance service.

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

B. 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. 13-47 § 25, 1985)

Lodi Ambulance Dispatch Log

10-28-17

CALL NO.	UNIT NO.	NAME	COMPLAINT	CALLED #	LOCATION OF CALL	DESTINATION	XOS	I O C	1008	1017	STARTING MILEAGE	1049	1010	ENDING MILEAGE	1098	DRIVER	ATTENDANT	DISPATCHER
01	M26	COX	BACK PAIN	911	1511 - MILLER	Lodi	1	1014	1005	1013	254	1024	253	262	1018	216	201	214
02	M26	COX	WOUNDS	911	218 WATSON	Lodi	1	1014	1005	1013	290	1003	1008	410	1022	200	210	214
03	M26	COX	ALL	Lodi	500 S. JOURNAL	Lodi	1	1014	1005	1013	421	1014	1121	1143	1114	300	200	210
04	M27	COX	500	PT 322 3378	115 Loc #20	Lodi	1	1014	1007	1018	291	1019	1052	266	225	160	220	217
05	M28	COX	500	51 FIC	4726 Spina	Lodi	1	1014	1007	1018	610	1023	1157	690	1207	803	420	437
06	M24	COX	Mid line - bubble	911 - 367 7122	411 Valley	Lodi	1	1014	1007	1018	425	1030	1141	1974	1147	321	210	217
07	M24	COX	MVA	CPD	18126 + 18126	Lodi	1	1014	1007	1018	1000	1030	1258	300	1258	300	210	217
08	M27	COX	Back Pain	PT - 369-1717	1921 Riverside	Lodi	1	1014	1007	1018	2203	2210	2224	583	2229	160	210	217
09	M26	COX	Heart Problems	PT	429 1/2 Harold St.	Lodi	1	1014	1007	1018	2219	2322	2326	6410	2326	300	210	217

Lodi Ambulance Dispatch Log

10/24/37

CALL NO.	UNIT NO.	NAME	COMPLAINT	CALLED BY	LOCATION OF CALL	DESTINATION	CO	T O C	100K	1007	STARTING MILEAGE	1049	1010	ENDING MILEAGE	1098	CR/PER	ATTENDANT	DISPATCHER
01	M27	Williams	Abdominal Pain	LPD	108N. Socorro St.	L.M.H.	3	0208	0208	0211	0221	0221	0223	043	0255	110	210	274
02	M26	Williams	unknown problem	LPD	412 W. Central	L.C.H.	3	0140	0140	0123	0730	0730	0730	710	0730	200	210	415
03	M27	Cooper	falls	911-3108-8004	901 S. Chandler	L.M.H.	3	0134	0134	0140	0746	0746	0750	711	0802	110	210	415
04	M27	Williams	CALL TO C.	911-3108-8004	20333 Q. Road	L.M.H.	3	0117	0117	0122	0746	0746	0750	711	0802	110	210	415
05	M26	Williams	Transmission	L.C.H.	L.M.H. LEU	L.M.H.	3	0118	0118	0118	0813	0813	0820	832	0820	110	210	415
06	M26	Williams	Transmission	L.M.H.	L.M.H. Ct.	L.C.H.	3	0202	0202	0202	0805	0805	0822	978	0828	401	210	415
07	M27	Franko	MVA + Ad	Pvt 333-1765	Avon + 5th Street	L.M.H.	3	0202	0202	0202	0809	0809	0825	904	0828	110	210	415
08	M26	Williams	Respiratory Arrest	911	806 Woodbridge	L.M.H.	3	0202	0202	0202	0809	0809	0825	904	0828	110	210	415



Lodi Ambulance Dispatch Log

10/30/87

CALL NO.	UNIT NO.	NAME	COMPLAINT	CALLER BY	LOCATION OF CALL	DESTINATION	CODE	TCC	1006	1007	STARTING MILEAGE	1049	1010	ENDING MILEAGE	1098	DRIVER	ATTENDANT	DISPATCHER
01	M27	Ventura	Assault	911-334-9947	233 S. School	LMH	3	0053	0053	0056	927	0057	0100	989	0107	140	915	374
BD	M27		Blood Draw	LPD	LPD		3	0142	0142	0147				0232			115	371
02	M27	Hessler	Chest Pain/Di. Breath	911-328-9182	1413 Avels	LMH	1	0358	0402	038	0418	0423	054	0446	160	915	374	
03	M27	Gray	Muscle Cramps	Co Fire	19618 N Tully	LMH	1	0811	0820	102	0827	0845	257	0902	160	915	415	
04	M26		Unresponsive F	911	1120 Sylvia #2	LMH	1	1012	1016	1025	1034	1035	026	1044	870	825	415	
05	M26	Gray	Transfer	LMH	LMH ER	Dammeron	1	1050	1050	1056	028	1114	1137	170		870	825	415
06	M27	Hessler	Transfer	LMH	LMH ER	County ER	2	1102	1117	571	1125	1155	120	1204	930	909	415	
07	M27	Martinez	POSS STROKE	Co Fire	4919 E Collier	LMH	3	1303	1303	1311	510	1325	1345	612	1401	110	907	415
08	M26		eye injury	911-534-7638	General Mts. #105		3	1315	1315	1319					1324	870	825	415
09	M26	LADWAZ	TRANSFER	LCM	LCM #107	West S Cherokee	4	1415	1418	425	1437	1445	470	1450	870	825	437	
10	M28		REFR	PT	LMH ED	near General	2	1651	1651	1658	1628	1717	1800	991	1910	870	959	42
11	M27		STAND BY	T.H.S	Garre Bowl		1	1723	1723	1726					2212	140	907	423
B/D	M20		BLOOD DRAW	LPD	Lodi P.D.		1	1735	1735	1740					1756	930	570	422
12	M26	DAY RUN	BURN	LPD	240 A. Louis Dr		3	1756	1756						1805	930	570	423
13	M26	Kowich	BURN	LCM	LCM	Dammeron	1	1837	1837	1847	501	1852	1924	760	1927	570	930	423
A	M26	DAY RUN	CHEST PAIN	911-334-4355	1924 E. Lombard Dr		3	1857	1857	1811					1945	903	957	423
15	M26		MVA	Co Fire	I-5/11W 12	LCM	2	2059	2059	2102	907	2114	2121	020	2123	203	950	423

Lodi Ambulance Dispatch Log

10-31-01

CALL NO.	UNIT NO.	NAME	COMPLAINT	CALLED BY	LOCATION OF CALL	DISTRICT	T O C	1008	1007	STARTING MILEAGE	1049	1010	ENDING MILEAGE	1094	DRIVER	LITERATURE	DISPATCHER
01	M27	Flyddal	ASSAULT	911	THE DELTA UNIVERSITY	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
02	M27	Hickman	WIKI-BOO MUSIC	911	1555 HICKMAN	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
03	M27	SOOT	CAR WAX	911	6 RILLS	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
04	M27	SMITH	X-RAY		L.M.H.	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
05	M27	MARSHALL	ROOF ARREST	CD FIRE	418 E COLLIER	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
06	M27	COOPER	A.P.C.	GROSS CAMP	321 W. J. PARK	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
07	M27		STAND BY	FRS WARNER	GRANT ROAD	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
08	M27	Holbert	XFER	911	L.M.H.	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
09	M26	Holbert	Transportation	Al Family and Group	601 W. Kell (near school)	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
10	M26	Schwartz	SH LOC	PAT 527-1522	722 S. Franklin	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
11	M26	Holbert	Agency Arrest	PAT 365-7141	8	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
12	M26	Holbert	Transfer	L.M.H.	L.M.H.	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
13	M27	Clack	Transfer to Hand	PVT	Vols. Box Co. #2	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
14	M26	Van Kuy	MVA	Co Fire	4016 West	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
15	M27	Arnold	Chest Pain	PVT	458 Arlington	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
16	M26	Clack	Transfer	L.M.H.	L.M.H.E.R.	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244
17	M26	Van Kuy	VALCO	911	405	L.M.H.	1300	1300	1300	712	1018	1018	712	1015	1015	160	244

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

R-87-874

RESOLUTION SETTING AMBULANCE RATES

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby sets the ambulance rates under the Ordinance Code of San Joaquin County, Section 4-7909 as follows:

I. POLICIES

- A. Ambulance providers may charge rates equal to or below the rates listed in Sections II & III below.
- B. The rate structure applies to county areas and to incorporated areas where the City Council has adopted the ordinance.
- C. Changes in rates must be posted with the EMS Agency at least 30 days prior to its implementation.

II. MAXIMUM RATES FOR BASIC LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES

	(Effective October 1, 1987)	(Effective May 1, 1988)
Base Rate	\$138.00	\$148.00
Emergency	\$ 43.00	\$ 46.00
Mileage	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.60
Night	\$ 43.00	\$ 46.00
Oxygen	\$ 26.00	\$ 28.00

III. MAXIMUM RATES FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES

	(Effective October 1, 1987)	(Effective May 1, 1988)
	Not to exceed \$331.00, not including the following maximum charges:	Not to exceed \$356.00, not including the following maximum charges:
Oxygen	\$26.00	\$28.00
Night Call	\$43.00	\$46.00
Mileage	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.60

IV. CHARGES ABOVE MAXIMUM RATES

An Ambulance provider may charge above the rates listed in Section II and III above after meeting the following conditions:

- A. The ambulance provider must present justification for its higher charges to the City Council within its service zone.
- B. Upon the City Council approval and the Board of Supervisor's concurrence with the higher charges, the ambulance providers may set higher fees for its service areas.

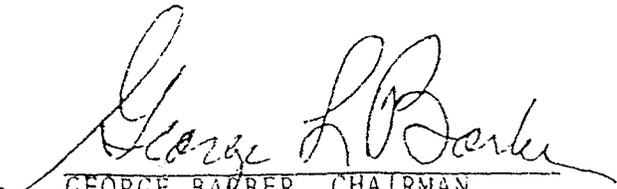
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 1987 by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors to wit:

AYES: WILHOIT, COSTA, CARTER, BARBER

NOES: SOUSA

ABSENT: NONE

ATTEST: JORETTA J. HAYDE
Clerk of the Board of Super-
visors of the County of San
Joaquin, State of California


GEORGE BARBER, CHAIRMAN
Board of Supervisors
County of San Joaquin
State of California

By Caroline Corso
Deputy Clerk

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County Counsel, HCS-2