

San Diego County Ambulance Ordinance (10274) Update



Background, Goals, Stakeholder Input Plan, Timeline

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Ambulance Ordinance Update: BACKGROUND



- County of San Diego Ordinance number 10274 regulates ambulances, air ambulances, and non-emergency medical transportation services.
- The Ambulance Ordinance sets operational, administrative, and other standards for these service providers.
- Last updated: July 30th, 2013
- Exemptions:
 - “State of war emergency”, "state of emergency", or "local emergency" as defined in California Government Code section 8558
 - Agencies solely operating solely within an incorporated area of San Diego County
 - Governmental agencies operating air or ground ambulances are exempt from the permit application process and fees

** Specific details outlined in the “exemptions” section**



Ambulance Ordinance Update: GOALS

- Update operational standards for local ambulance providers to improve coordination and care within the EMS delivery system
- Improve safety standards for EMS providers, patients, and the general public
- Provide an equitable regulatory model for agencies and organizations that participate in the EMS delivery system.
- Improve standards for QA/QI to achieve high-quality, patient-centered care



Ambulance Ordinance Update: GOALS

- Updating all LEMSA naming conventions and titles (*removing HHSA, adding EMS Office*)
- Identify opportunities to better align with regional and national standards for medical transportation
- Align with the Board of Supervisors strategic initiatives and goals
- Align with San Diego County's strategic initiatives of sustainability, equity, empower, community, and justice

Ambulance Ordinance Update: STAKEHOLDER INPUT PLAN



2024 Stakeholder Input Plan:

- Present project/plan at the January EMCC meeting
- Obtain input from the general public (*Engage San Diego County webpage*)
- Presentation and discussion with key stakeholder groups:
 - ✓ Ambulance Association (AASDC)
 - ✓ Taxicab Committee
 - ✓ Air Dispatch
 - ✓ EMS Chiefs
- Upload the proposed work product on the EMS Office public comment page (*primary platform for formal stakeholder input*)
- Board of Supervisors approval



Ambulance Ordinance Update: **TIMELINE**

2024 Q1

- Present to EMCC
- Community engagement
- General public survey

2024 Q2

- Review survey results
- Stakeholder presentations

2024 Q3

- Public comment period
- Review public comment
- Implement revisions based on feedback

2024 Q4

- Prepare final draft
- Present to the Board of Supervisors for approval



QUESTIONS?

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