



# City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 5, 2017

**TO:** Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

**FROM:** Cindy Montero, Assistant City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing The City Manager To Execute A Second Amendment To The First Responders Advanced Life Support (FRALS) Agreement With The County Of Alameda That Governs The Provision Of Advanced Life Support Medical Services

### REQUESTED ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council of the City of Emeryville adopt the attached resolution approving the Second Amendment to the FRALS agreement with the County of Alameda to cover the period from October 31, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

### BACKGROUND

The City Council approved a contract with FRALS on November 1, 2011 and a First Amendment to the contract on May 24, 2016. The First Amendment expires on October 31, 2017, therefore, a Second Amendment to provide services and funding through June 30, 2018 is necessary.

The FRALS agreement was originally created in the late 1990s as an instrument to formalize the relationship between local municipal fire departments in the county who provided advanced life support services (but not ambulance transportation) and the Alameda County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) office.

The ability of a county to regulate emergency medical services is grounded in California legislation in the Health and Safety Code known as the Emergency Medical Services System Act. The County of Alameda cites its authority from the Act and specifically to enter into written agreements with local municipalities who provide paramedic level care via Health and Safety Code Sections 1797.178 and 1797.201 along with Title 22 CCR section 100167.

The FRALS agreement has provided a method for a regulatory agency (Alameda County EMS) to authorize those non-transporting fire departments to provide advanced life support services such as cardiac monitoring, use of drugs and intravenous therapy and advanced airway preservation techniques such as intubation and defibrillation. In

addition, the agreement specifies adherence to performance requirements that include response time standards, quality improvement programs and minimum equipment inventory standards, training and operational protocols.

In exchange for providing first responder ALS services and meeting the performance benchmarks established by Alameda County EMS, the FRALS agreement provides each participating agency with a stipend designed to defray some of the costs associated with providing paramedics. These funds come from a “pass through” of funds from tax dollars paid to the County for the provision of emergency medical services.

Each FRALS agency is paid an annual stipend based upon the number of emergency response units (engine and truck companies) that provide that service. The Alameda County Fire Department, which contracts with the City of Emeryville staffs two FRALS units with engines at the Powell Street and Hollis Street fire stations.

#### **STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC**

There has been no communication with the public regarding this agreement.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The FRALS contract provides for an annual stipend paid on a quarterly basis through October 31, 2017 in the amount of \$64,406.23.

#### **APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution
2. FRALS Second Amendment
3. FRALS First Amendment
4. Original FRALS Contract

