

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.14**  
(ID # 22790)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, August 29, 2023


**FROM :** EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

**SUBJECT:** EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Initiation of an Amendment to Riverside County Ordinance No. 756, Establishing Regulations for ALS Ambulance, Air Ambulance, BLS Ambulance, and Critical Care Transport Providers. All Districts. [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt an order initiating an amendment to Riverside County Ordinance No. 756 regarding the Establishment of Regulations for ALS Ambulance, Air Ambulance, BLS Ambulance, and Critical Care Transport Providers, as further described below; and
2. Direct the Emergency Management Department to work with the Office of County Counsel to prepare and process the amendment to Ordinance No. 756.

**ACTION:Policy**

  
Bruce Barton, EMD Director 8/21/2023

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Perez, Washington, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: August 29, 2023  
xc: EMD

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 23/24</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Riverside County Ordinance No. 756 provides for the Establishment of Regulations for Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance, Air Ambulance, Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance, and Critical Care Transport Providers through its Emergency Management System (EMS) Agency for the County of Riverside. The EMS Agency, as identified in its Emergency Medical Service Plan, has determined the need to enact updated local regulations consistent with, and which enhance the County's responsibilities under, the "Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Act" (Health & Safety Code section 1797 et seq.) and which further serve and protect the health and safety of patients in the County while being transported.

The amendment to the Ordinance is proposed to direct authority to Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency (REMSA), a division of the Emergency Management Department (EMD) and replaces Public Health references with EMD and EMS. Several amendments are proposed to be made, particularly to Sections 2 and 5. Definitions to clearly define key terms and roles and updates are proposed to be made throughout the Ordinance to redefine processes and bring them to current. Elements of application details, permit conditions, denial findings, and other administrative processes are proposed to be removed from the Ordinance and added to REMSA Policy 3201, as are permit fees.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The purpose of Ordinance No. 756 is to ensure regulations for ALS ambulance, air ambulance, BLS ambulance, and critical care transport providers are being followed and enforced. REMSA is dedicated to providing emergency medical services in support of the public health and welfare of the residents of Riverside County.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

Ambulance transport providers are responsible for providing all EMS supplies and emergency medical response equipment that is required to support the medical response tasking. REMSA's responsibility is to provide medical direction and protocols.

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*Rebecca S Cortez*  
Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 8/21/2023

*Kelly Moran*  
Kelly Moran, Deputy County Counsel 8/21/2023