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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 87762 C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A FIRST RESPONDER ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (FRALS) SERVICES AGREEMENT (AGREEMENT) WITH THE ALAMEDA COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY (COUNTY) TO PROVIDE PARAMEDIC SERVICES FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland (City) Fire Department (OFD) is under an agreement which expires on June 30, 2019, with the Alameda County Emergency Medical Services Agency (County) to provide first responder services to patients until transfer of the patient care to arriving ambulance personnel or a medical physician of competent authority in accordance with County policy and state law; and

WHEREAS, the County has prepared a First Responder Advanced Life Support (FRALS) Services Agreement (Agreement) with the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, the County requires that the City enter into an agreement with the County for the City to continue to deliver paramedic services to the residents and guests of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, also pursuant to state law, Alameda County is designated as the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) and is responsible for establishing policies and procedures for the approval and designation of paramedic service providers within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, also pursuant to state law, the County established an Emergency Medical Services Agency and enters into agreements with various Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers, both public and private, to assure the availability of emergency medical response and transportation services in the County; and

WHEREAS, state law authorizes the Alameda County EMS Agency to require that an agreement be established between it and the City of Oakland in order for City to provide paramedic services; and

WHEREAS, OFD implemented engine company paramedic services in the City of Oakland as part of the integrated county-wide system of EMS delivery in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Oakland City Charter Article V, Section 504(l) requires City Council approval of the proposed FRALS agreement because it is an intergovernmental agreement; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2011 City Council approved Resolution No. 83558 C.M.S. authorizing the City Administrator to enter into the current FRALS agreement with the County for the period of November 1, 2011 through October 31, 2016 (as well as authority to extend the agreement through 2021), and to appropriate payment anticipated to be one million one hundred and fifteen thousand two hundred and twenty-two dollars in the first year to the Oakland Fire Department, with a two percent (2%) increase per year for the term of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, OFD provides ongoing training opportunities, provides EMS equipment and supplies, and recruits firefighter/paramedics to maintain the paramedic program; and

WHEREAS, when the current FRALS agreement was last extended in 2018, due to changes in patient coverage and payment processing under Medicare and Medical insurance, the County required an amendment in the agreement removing reimbursement payments to the City for costs in providing paramedic services; and

WHEREAS, starting July 2018, the City ceased receiving reimbursement payments for its paramedic service costs from the County; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 the City will not receive payments totaling approximately one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000.00) for providing advanced life support (i.e. paramedic care) to the residents of Oakland, and will assume four hundred and thirty-seven thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$437,750.00) in additional expenses for medical supplies, pharmaceuticals and equipment previously covered by Paramedics Plus, the ambulance company provider contracting with the County; and

WHEREAS, the City can continue to provide FRALS services as long as it is recognized as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider agency by the County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Administrator is authorized to execute a First Responder Advanced Life Support (FRALS) agreement with the Alameda County Emergency Medical Services Agency to provide paramedic services for the term of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024; and it be

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all contracts issued hereunder shall be reviewed and approved by the office of the City Attorney for form and legality and copies shall be placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

JUN 24 2019

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:


AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:



LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California