

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF CORONA APPROVING THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM AND
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEE POLICY (AP
04500.001) AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2004-31**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2004-31, the City of Corona established an Emergency Medical Services Subscription Program (“EMS Program”) for the purpose of recovering certain costs incurred by the Corona Fire Department in responding to calls for emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the EMS Program permits the Fire Chief to waive the Emergency Medical Services Fee (“EMS Fee”) for patients who demonstrate that the combined gross income of all members of the patient’s residence is less than the amount established for Riverside County by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development with regard to the Public Housing and Section 8 Program; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has determined that the industry standard for Emergency Medical Services is to use the federal poverty levels established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for determining a patient’s low income eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the EMS Program permits residents and businesses that do not receive a water bill from the City to enroll in the EMS Program during the May/June enrollment period and imposes a one-time \$10.00 processing charge; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department believes that more residents and businesses would be encouraged to participate in the EMS Program if the City were to allow residents and businesses that do not receive a water bill from the City to enroll in the EMS Program at any time on a pro-rated basis and if the \$10.00 processing charge were eliminated; and

WHEREAS, EMS Program includes a 10% interest penalty imposed when the EMS Fee remains unpaid for 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department recommends that the interest penalty be eliminated from the EMS Program, with any unpaid EMS Fees being referred to a collection agency; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department recommends that additional clarifying revisions be made to the EMS Program to reduce the opportunity for confusion between the EMS Fee language and the City’s master fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to repeal Resolution No. 2004-31 and approve this new resolution to adopt a revised policy that sets forth the rules and regulations pertaining to the EMS Program and incorporates the above revisions to the EMS Program as recommended by the Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Adoption of Policy. The City Council hereby adopts Administrative Policy No. 04500.001 (Emergency Medical Services Subscription Program and Emergency Medical Services Fee) attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions. Resolution No. 2004-31 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. The Mayor shall sign this Resolution and the City Clerk shall attest thereto, and this Resolution shall take effect and be in force on the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED this 18th day of April, 2018.

Karen Spiegel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Rodriguez, Interim City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, PATTY RODRIGUEZ, Interim City Clerk of the City of Corona, certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Corona at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of April, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 18th day of April, 2018.

Patty Rodriguez, Interim City Clerk
City of Corona, California

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT “A”

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY NO. 04500.001
(EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM AND
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEE)**

[SEE ATTACHED SIX (6) PAGES]