

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** May 3, 2022

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County Mayor to investigate and prepare a report regarding private ambulance rates; directing the County Mayor to forward a recommendation regarding any adjustments to the private ambulance rates for the Board's consideration following a public hearing; and directing the County Mayor to annually investigate and prepare a report and recommendation regarding private ambulance rates

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.



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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)  
5-3-22

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO INVESTIGATE AND PREPARE A REPORT REGARDING PRIVATE AMBULANCE RATES; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PRIVATE AMBULANCE RATES FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ANNUALLY INVESTIGATE AND PREPARE A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PRIVATE AMBULANCE RATES

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 4, Article I of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the "Code"), sets forth regulations governing air and ground ambulances and emergency medical transport vehicles operating in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 4-7 of the Code, all ambulance rates shall be established by the Board after public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, section 4-7(b) of the Code provides that the County Mayor shall investigate all requests for rate changes and prepare a report for the Board's consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2004, following a request by private ambulance providers, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-299-04, which established a rate schedule for private ambulance providers; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 20, 2006, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-776-06, which approved an increase in the Basic Life Support (BLS) rate, and established a new BLS Emergency rate; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has not authorized an adjustment to the private ambulance rates for 16 years, since 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of doing business such as vehicle costs, wages, fuel, insurance and other areas of operation has increased significantly over the last 16 years; and

**WHEREAS**, private ambulance providers operating in the County have requested an increase in the private ambulance rates established by the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 4-7(b), a public hearing is required prior to the Board’s approval of any new rates,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the Board:

**Section 1.** In accordance with Chapter 4, Article I of the Code of Miami-Dade County, directs the County Mayor to investigate and prepare a report regarding private ambulance rates and to forward a recommendation for the Board’s consideration following a public hearing. In preparing said investigation and report, the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall consider and prepare a recommendation regarding the Basic Life Support, Basic Life Support Emergency, and Advanced Life Support, Advanced Life Support, Level 2 and Specialty Care Transport and such other private ambulance transportation rates as proposed by the Board in the following Table:

	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>
Basic Life Support (BLS) Base Rate	\$256.00	\$550.00
Emergency Basic Life Support (BLS) Base Rate	\$358.67	\$600.00
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Base Rate	\$380.00	\$800.00
Advanced Life Support (ALS) 2 Base Rate	N/A	\$862.53
Specialty Care Transport (SCT)	N/A	\$988.38
Mileage Rate	\$7.50	\$10.85
Oxygen per tank or fraction thereof	\$30.00	\$32.55
<b>Waiting time</b>		
BLS per ½ hour	\$80.00	\$110.00

ALS per ½ hour	\$120.00	\$150.00
<b>Special Handling</b>		
BLS	\$30.00	\$43.40
ALS	\$60.00	\$86.80

**Section 2.** Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to annually investigate and prepare a report and recommendation concerning the then-existing private ambulance rates, which investigation shall, at a minimum, specify the relative changes in the consumer price index (“CPI”) over the preceding year and shall quantify what the rates would be if they were to be adjusted for such change in the CPI.

**Section 3.** Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to, within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution, place the completed written report and recommendation required by section 1 of this resolution for the required public hearing on the next available agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman            |                        |
| Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman |                        |
| Sen. René García                      | Keon Hardemon          |
| Sally A. Heyman                       | Danielle Cohen Higgins |
| Eileen Higgins                        | Joe A. Martinez        |
| Kionne L. McGhee                      | Jean Monestime         |
| Raquel A. Regalado                    | Rebeca Sosa            |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto                  |                        |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Dale P. Clarke