

ORDINANCE NO. BBFA2022-001

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE BIG BEAR FIRE AUTHORITY, A CALIFORNIA
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, INCREASING
AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES**

WHEREAS, the Big Bear Fire Authority is a California joint powers agency organized under Section 6500, *et seq.* of the California Government Code, and operating pursuant to the Fire Protection District Law of 1987, California Health & Safety Code Section 13800, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the recovery of incident costs by the Big Bear Fire Authority is authorized under California Health & Safety Code Section 13916, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Authority has published notice of its intention to establish a fee schedule for recovery of incident costs pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 13916 and Government Code Section 6066; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (“Board”) has determined that revenues are necessary and required to fund the services provided for herein; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has prepared and made available to the public, information regarding the costs of providing the services for which the fee is charged. Such information indicates the type and amount of costs, above normal operating costs, that are incurred by the Fire Authority in responding to and recovering costs from emergency incidents; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the charges set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto, reflect the reasonable costs to the Fire Authority for providing the listed ambulance-related services; and

WHEREAS, the charges are established by the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Authority (“ICEMA”), and ICEMA periodically increases the rates for such charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Big Bear Fire Authority ordains as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings in support of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Ambulance Fee Schedule. The fee schedule attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is hereby adopted in its entirety.

Section 3. Responsible Party. Any and all charges will be billed to the responsible party and/or party receiving assistance as applicable. In the event that the responsible party is a minor, that minor’s parent or legal guardian will be billed. When charges are not collected through the Authority’s normal billing procedure, collection may occur by any means permitted by law.

Section 4. ICEMA Rate Increases. The Authority is hereby authorized to pass-through any future rate increases by ICEMA by resolution.

Section 5. Prior Duplicative Fees or Charges Superseded. To the extent the fee schedule attached as Exhibit "A" describes fees and charges for the recovery of incident costs which conflict with any other fees, charges, taxes, assessments or exactions of any kind previously adopted by the Big Bear Fire Authority Board, the fees and charges set forth in Exhibit "A" shall supersede those conflicting fees, charges, taxes, assessments or exactions, effective the date this Ordinance takes effect.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption by the Board.

Section 7. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance. The Board of the Big Bear Fire Authority hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases herein is declared invalid or unenforceable.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the Big Bear Fire Authority Board at its regular meeting held the 4th day of October, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Herrick, Lee, Mote, Putz, Rowe, Walsh, Ziegler, Green
NOES: None
ABSENT: Melnick, Russo
ABSTAIN: None



John Green, Board Chair
Big Bear Fire Authority

ATTEST:



Tiffany Swantek, Board Secretary
Big Bear Fire Authority

EXHIBIT "A"
FEE SCHEDULE

AMBULANCE RATE COMPONENTS	RURAL/WILDERNESS OPERATING AREAS
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Base Rate (All Inclusive)	\$2,057.67
Basic Life Support (BLS) Rate	\$1,482.31
Emergency Fee	\$345.31
Oxygen	\$214.17
Night Charge	\$247.26
Critical Care Transport	\$2,320.01
Mileage (per mile or fraction thereof)	\$33.01
Wait Time	\$58.95
EKG	\$134.01

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss
CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE)

I, Tiffany Swantek, Secretary of the Big Bear Fire Authority Board, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the said Board is ten; that the foregoing ordinance, being Ordinance No. BBFA2022-001 was duly passed and adopted by the said Board, approved and signed by the Chair of said Board, and attested by the Secretary of said Board, all at a meeting of the said Board held on the 4th day of October, 2022, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Herrick, Lee, Mote, Putz, Rowe, Walsh, Ziegler, Green
NOES: None
ABSENT: Melnick, Russo
ABSTAIN: None

Witness my hand and the official seal of said Authority this 6th day of October, 2022.



Tiffany Swantek, Board Secretary
Big Bear Fire Authority