



## Legislation Text

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Resolution accepting Fiscal Year 2021-22 Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Financial report and authorizing the write-off of \$370,172.56 in uncollectable ambulance billing accounts receivable.

WHEREAS, staff recommends that City Council accept Fiscal Year 2021-22 Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Financial report and authorizing the write-off of \$370,172.56 in uncollectable ambulance billing accounts receivable; and

WHEREAS, the fees collected in FY2021-22 were \$2,974,010, a 6% increase from FY20-21 which can be attributed to differences in call volume and payer mix variations; and

WHEREAS, procedures, software, effective billing management, better internal processes and the addition of a secondary billing contractor have contributed to stabilizing revenue; and

WHEREAS, the net operating cost of the Advance Life support (ALS) ambulances was \$1,581,670 and the net operating cost for the Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance was \$1,608; and

WHEREAS, fees for transport services help offset personnel and equipment cost for the enhanced ALS transport service and maintain an effective response force for non-medical emergencies as the City grows; and

WHEREAS, BLS transport has become a reliable back-up transport service helping to maintain response time and reliability of ambulance service in the City and has become a fruitful program for people new to public safety and emergency response services; and

WHEREAS, since December 2015, the SSFFD and Finance Department have implemented accounting practices that allow for periodic financial reviews and write-offs by Council; and

WHEREAS, the number of accounts that are no longer collectable is 342 with a balance of \$370,172.56, hereto attached as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, these accounts have been vetted through the City's primary and secondary billing vendors and no longer have recoverable revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of South San Francisco that the City Council hereby accepts Fiscal Year 2021-22 Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Financial report and approves the write-off of \$370,172.56 in uncollectable ambulance billing accounts receivable, as detailed in Exhibit A, attached to this resolution and incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, by the City Council of the City of South San Francisco that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to take any action consistent with the intent of this resolution.

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