

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: May 27, 2008
To: Mayor Parris and Council Members
From: Barbara Boswell, Finance Director
Subject: **Proposed Ambulance Ordinance**

Recommendation:

Introduce Ordinance No. 901, amending Title 5 of the Lancaster Municipal Code to add a new Chapter 5.48 relating to ambulances.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Background:

The City of Lancaster has determined that it is in the public interest and welfare to establish an ordinance that regulates ambulance service within the City of Lancaster. The intent of the ambulance ordinance is to provide general operating procedures and standards for medical transportation services operating within the City in both emergency and non-emergency situations and to provide a fair and impartial means of allowing responsible private operators to provide such services in the public interest. The County of Los Angeles currently regulates ambulance service pursuant to Chapter 7.16 and Chapter 7.17 of the Los Angeles County Code. It is not the intent of this proposed ordinance to impose additional requirements, guidelines, inspections, etc. than those already established in the County Code. However, to ensure that the best service is provided to residents of our community and that community safety standards are met, all ambulance service providers operating within the City of Lancaster would be required to obtain a business license under Chapter 5.48 as proposed, and show proof of a license issued by the County of Los Angeles.