

**Cross Reference Chart of the Existing Ambulance Ordinance to the Proposed Revised Ambulance Ordinance**

**Summary of Proposed Revised Sections to 1983 Ambulance Ordinance Code**

Former Section	Renumbered Section	Status	Subject	Summary of Proposed Revised Ambulance Ordinance Code Section
48-2.002	N/A	Revised	Title	The title of the division from “Ambulance Ordinance of Contra Costa County” to “Emergency Medical Services and Ambulance Ordinance of Contra Costa County.”
48-2.004	N/A	Revised	Purpose	Purpose was expanded and now includes enacting procedures for issuing certificates of operation and permits to regulate the operation of ambulances. Expanded existing language for staffing, equipment and mechanical standards. Added new section that provides for oversight and regulation of non-ambulance pre-hospital personnel (i.e., special event medical services standby personnel. Added new section for integration of all ambulances service providers in the county EMS system (i.e., non-emergency ambulances services).
48-2.006	48-2.008	Revised and Renumbered	Exemptions	Removed language requiring County Health Officer determination of insufficient resources before exempting non-permitted ambulances from ordinance. Removed language exempting private businesses and private property owners from ordinance. Added new language creating an exemption for ambulances services that do not originate a patient transport in Contra Costa County.
48-2.010	48-18.008	Revised and Renumbered	Adoption by Local Jurisdictions	No substantive changes. Revised section that provides for the adoption of the ordinance by local jurisdictions.
48-4.002	48-2.012	Combined	Generally	Section revised and combined with Definitions. (See 48-2.012)
48-4.004 through 48-4.24	48-2.012	Combined	Definitions	Several definitions were added, revised, or removed. The definition of “ambulance” was updated to include only privately owned ground transportation vehicle that is required to be certificated by the California Highway Patrol. Ambulance Vehicle Permit was added. Attended was revised to include paramedic and critical care paramedic. EMT-I and EMT-II were removed and replaced with EMT and Advanced EMT. Physician was added.
48-18-008	48-2.010	Revised and Renumbered	Adoption by Local Jurisdictions	No substantive changes. Revised section that provides for the adoption of the ordinance by local jurisdictions.

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48-18.010	48-4.002	Revised and Renumbered	Designation of Local EMS Agency	Added specific Health and Safety Code section. Removed Health Officer as administrator of EMS program. Removed reference to EMT-II.
48-16.005	48-6.002	Revised and Renumbered	Ambulance Service Agreements	No substantive changes. Revised to remove extraneous and non-pertinent language. Subsection (d) added to exempt fire protection districts that are not required to competitively bid for ambulance services from obtaining a certificate of operation.
48-6.004	48-16.008	Revised and Renumbered	Compulsory Ambulance Service	No substantive changes. Revised to remove extraneous and non-pertinent language.
48-8.010	48-6.004	Revised and Renumbered	Application - Forms	No substantive changes.
48-8.012	48-6.006	Revised and Renumbered	Application – Required Data	Several substantive changes and additions to required data for applications for Certificate of Operations. Examples include requirements for corporations, joint ventures, partnerships and limited partnerships and ownership shares; requirements for disclosure of business, trade or fictitious business name used or proposed to be used; new subsection requiring copy of articles of incorporation for corporate applicants.
48-8.014	48-6.008	Revised and Renumbered	Applicant- Investigation	Added provision requiring LEMSA, within 60 days of an application, to make a determination whether the applicant is licensed or permitted by the California Highway Patrol as an ambulance service; if the applicant is able to provide the requested service; the applicant meets the requirements of the ordinance; other applicable laws ordinances, regulations, and the policies of the LEMSA; the applicant made any false statement in the application; the applicant failed to disclose facts pertinent to the application process; the applicant previously provided ambulance service in California or any other state; the applicant previously held or currently holds an ambulance license or permit which has or has not been renewed by the California Highway Patrol, the application previously held a Contra Costa County ambulance service permit or certificate of operation; and, whether the equipment of the applicant’s vehicle, including radios, is in good working order and passes an inspection.

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48-8.016	48-6.012	Revised and Renumbered	Approval/Denial of Application for COO	Sets forth requirements for notification or denial of application; specifies that no Certificate of Operation will be issued until an ambulance permit has been issued for all the applicant's ambulances.
48-8.018	48-6.013	Revised and Renumbered	Appeal of Denial of Certificate of Operation	Sets forth the procedure to appeal a denial of an application for Certificate of Operation.
48-8.020	48-6.014	Revised and Renumbered	Term	Changes the term of a Certificate of Operation (formerly a permit) from three years to two years. Added language regarding the section's construction and vested property rights in renewal, extension, or continuance of Certificate of Operation after it expires.
48-8.028	48-6.016	Revised and Renumbered	Temporary Certificate of Operation	Section was updated to limit issuance of temporary Certificate of Operation to 90 days. Eliminated existing language that required all conditions for issuance of Certificate of Operation be met before issuance of temporary Certificate of Operation.
48-8.042	48-6.018	Revised and Renumbered	Change of Data	No substantive changes. Revised to remove extraneous and non-pertinent language; updated references to other sections of ordinance.
48-10.014	18-8.002	Revised and Renumbered	Vehicle Compliance	Sets forth minimum requirements for operation of an ambulance vehicle. Language added to require ambulances to meet LEMSA's minimum equipment list requirements and that ambulance vehicles must be in a safe mechanical condition. Also establishes requirement that ambulance must be in a clean and sanitary condition.
48-12.002	48-12.002	Revised	Ambulance Personnel	Section was updated to add additional minimum requirements for ambulance personnel; requirements for training in the use of all equipment on the ambulance; requirement for completion of EMS system orientation; establishes minimum age for EMT personnel.
48-12.008	48-12.004	Revised and Renumbered	Uniforms and Appearance	Section was updated to remove extraneous and non-pertinent language. Subsection was added to require EMT students and paramedic interns to wear a uniform that conspicuously identifies them as a paramedic intern or EMT student.
48-14.010	48-18.002	Revised and Renumbered	Dispatching	No substantive changes. Section was updated to remove extraneous and non-pertinent language.

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48-16.202	48-20.002	Revised and Renumbered	Enforcement Authority	No substantive changes. Section was updated to remove extraneous and non-pertinent language.
48-16.204	48-20.004	Revised and Renumbered	Investigations	No substantive changes. Section was updated to remove extraneous and non-pertinent language.
48-16.206	48-20.004	Revised and Renumbered	Violations Prohibited	No substantive changes. Section was updated to remove extraneous and non-pertinent language.
48-16.602	48-14.002	Revised and Renumbered	Suspension and Revocation Authority	No substantive changes. Section was updated to remove extraneous and non-pertinent language.
48-16.604	48-14.004	Revised and Renumbered	Notice Issuance	Section was updated to clarify notice requirements; establishes 15-day timeline for ambulance service provider to correct violation or appeal a suspension or revocation.
48-16.610	48-14.008	Revised and Renumbered	Emergency Action	Section was revised to conform language to current law and procedure.
48-16.1002	48-14.004	Revised and Renumbered	Appeal – Filing	Section was updated to revise process for appeal of action to suspend or revoke Certificate of Operation. Section set forth requirements for written notice of appeal.
48-16.1004	48-14.006	Revised and Renumbered	Hearing	Section was updated to revise process for appeal hearing on suspension of revocation of a Certificate of Operation. Section was updated to require LEMSA director or designee to hear appeals of permit officer’s decision to suspend or revoke a Certificate of Operation; allows for the appointment of an administrative law judge to hear appeals. Section allows for the electronic recording of hearings.
48.20.012	48-18.003	Revised and Renumbered	Unauthorized Response	No substantive changes. Section was updated to remove extraneous and non-pertinent language.
48-20.016	48-18.006	Revised and Renumbered	Responsible Advertising	No substantive changes. Section was updated to remove extraneous and non-pertinent language.

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**Summary of Proposed New Sections to 1983 Ambulance Ordinance Code (No Former Counterpart)**

New Section	Subject	Summary of Proposed New or Revised Ambulance Ordinance Code Section
48-4.004	Ordinance Administration	Section added to provide authority to the LEMSA to promulgate rules, regulations, policies, procedures, training requirements, medical equipment provisions and treatment guidelines as reasonable necessary to effectuate the purpose of the ordinance, including ambulance personnel requirements, vehicle requirements, clinical, operational and EMS dispatch standards and protocols; clinical and operations data reports; emergency and disaster operations; and communications systems. Requires LEMSA to codify any rules, regulations, policies, procedures, training requirements, medical equipment provisions and treatment guidelines enacted pursuant to this section.
48-8.002	Certificate of Operation	Section added to require Certificate of Operation before a person may furnish, operate, conduct, maintain or otherwise engage in, advertise, offer, or profess to engage in, ambulance service within Contra Costa County.
48-8.004	Ambulance Permit	Section added to require a permit for each ambulance before an ambulance may be operated within Contra Costa County.
48-8.006	Emergency Response Vehicle Permit	Section added to require a vehicle permit for emergency response vehicles.
48-8.008	California Highway Patrol Report	Section added to require that all ambulances not otherwise exempted by law carry a valid CHP inspection report and permit authorizing the use of the vehicle as an ambulance.
48-8.022	Existing Permit to Operate	Section added to address status of existing permit holders upon adoption of new ordinance. Requires existing permit holders to obtain Certificate of Operation upon expiration of existing permit.
48-8.024	Renewal of Certificate of Operation	Section added to specify requirements for renewal of Certificate of Operation.
48-8.026	Additional Ambulances	Section added to establish procedure and requirements to add ambulances to the fleet of an existing ambulance service that holds a Certificate of Operation; establishes requirement for ambulance inspection and fee for inspection.
48-8.030	Application Fee	Section added to establish a non-refundable application fee for each Certificate of Operation, Ambulance Permit, Emergency Response Vehicle Permit, or Special Event Medical Standby Services Permit.

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48-8.032	Temporary Certificate of Operation Fee	Section added to establish a non-refundable application fee for each temporary Certificate of Operation.
48-8.034	Annual Inspection Fee	Section added to establish an annual inspection fee for each permitted ambulance operated under a Certificate of Operation.
48-8.036	Re-Inspection and Re-Inspection Fee	Section added to require an ambulance that failed an inspection to be re-inspected before being placed back into service. Established a re-inspection fee for each ambulance that failed an inspection.
48-8.038	Reinstate Fee	Section added to establish a reinstatement fee whenever a suspended or revoked Certificate of Operation is reinstated.
48-8.040	Payment	Section added to require that fees be paid to the county permit officer.
48-8.044	Termination	Section added to specify Certificates of Operation are non-transferable and that any change of ownership of an ambulance service provider's business terminates the Certificate of Operation. Clarifies requirement of new owner's responsibility to obtain a Certificate of Operation.
48-8.046	Public Posting of Documents	Section added to require the public posting of Certificate of Operation, rates and fee structure.
48-10.002	Vehicle Markings	Section added to establish minimum marking requirements for ambulances as well as prohibit certain markings.
48-10.004	Communications Equipment	Section added to establish minimum communications equipment for ambulances and emergency response vehicles, including GPS mapping.
48-10.006	Annual Inspection	Section added to require annual ambulance vehicles inspections.
48-10.008	Inspection Decal	Section added to require ambulance vehicles display inspection decal.
48-10.010	Intermittent Inspection	Section added to require ambulance services and employees to cooperate with ambulance inspections; establishes when an intermittent inspection may be used to supplant the required annual inspection; establishes that failure to cooperate results in inspection failure.
48-10.012	Inspection Failure	Section added to set forth the ambulance service providers responsibility after a failed ambulance inspection. Prohibits the return of the ambulance to service without reinspection. Requires out-of-service ambulances to display markings that it is out-of-service.
48-12.002	Medical Direction	Section added to require that all EMTs and paramedics provide care in accordance with the medical care policies, procedures and treatment guidelines promulgated by the LEMSA and its medical director.
48-12.006	Emergency Vehicle Operations Course	Section added to require EMTs and paramedics to have attended an emergency vehicle operations course prior to operation of an ambulance vehicle.

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48-12.010	Personnel Inspections	Section added to require ambulance personnel to carry on their person their identification and EMT certificate/paramedic license and their medical examiner certificate; requires that personnel provide identification to permit officer is requested.
48-18.002	Dispatching	Section added to prohibit untrained person from receiving or dispatched calls for ambulance service.
48-14.004	Dispatcher Required	Section added to require ambulance service providers to have dispatchers at all times.
48-14.006	Dispatcher Training	Section added to establish minimum requirements for dispatcher training.
48-14.008	Electronic Communications System	Section added to require ambulance service providers to maintain a LEMSA designated communications system as a condition of issuance of a Certificate of Operation ( <i>i.e.</i> , ReddiNet).
48-15.002	Cost Recovery for EMT Investigations	Section added to allow the LEMSA to recover costs of investigation in EMT misconduct cases where an ALJ has upheld discipline; requires ALJ to hear evidence on LEMSA costs before issuing an award.
48-16.208	Remedies	Section added to allow County to pursue any other legal remedy in addition to those available under the ambulance ordinance.
48-16.402	Inspections and Records	Section added to grant authority to permit officer to inspect records, equipment and supplies of personnel and ambulance service provider. Subsection added to require ambulance service provider to make all records available to permit officer at the ambulance service provider's place of business; requires ambulance service provider to allow copying at ambulance service provider's place of business.
48-16.608	Reinstatement	Section added to establish requirements before a suspended Certificate of Operation may be reinstated.
48-16.612	Revocation	Section added to establish eligibility for re-application after revocation of Certificate of Operation.
48-16.802	Administrative Fines	Section added to conform division to County Ordinance Code with respect to administrative fines for violations of ambulance ordinance.
48-16.804	Administrative Fines – Notice of Violation	Section added to conform division to County Ordinance Code with respect to administrative fines for violations of ambulance ordinance. Section sets forth procedure for notice of violation and requirements to correct violation.
48-16.806	Administrative Fines – Notice of Fine	Section added to conform division to County Ordinance Code with respect to administrative fines for violations of ambulance ordinance. Section sets forth procedure for assessing fine and requirements for appeals.
48-16.808	Final Administrative Order	Section added to conform division to County Ordinance Code with respect to administrative fines for violations of ambulance ordinance. Section sets forth procedure as to when an administrative fine because a final administrative order.

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48-16.810	Payment of Fines	Section added to conform division to County Ordinance Code with respect to administrative fines for violations of ambulance ordinance. Section sets forth procedures as to when and how fine must be paid.
48-16.812	Collection	Section added to conform division to County Ordinance Code with respect to administrative fines for violations of ambulance ordinance. Section sets forth collection procedures for administrative fines.
48-16.1202	Service of Notice of Decision	Section added to require Notice of Decisions to be served by U.S. mail or by personal service.
48-16.1402	Judicial Review	Section added to conform to law and authorize judicial review of a final administrative order.
48-18.002	Purpose – Special Event Medical Standby Services	Section added to establish purpose of Special Event Medical Standby Service section.
48-18.004	Medical Standby Service – Required	Section added to require Medical Standby Service at special events designed to exceed 2000 persons.
48-18.006	Special Event Medical Standby Service Permit – Required	Section added to require a permit for Medical Standby Services.
48-18.808	Application Form	Section added to require an application for Medical Standby Service permit.
48-18.010	Application for Special Event Medical Standby Service – Required	Section added to set forth requirements for application for permit.
48-18.012	Permit Fee	Section added to require fee for Medical Standby Permit.
48-18.014	Approval or Denial of Permit	Section added to set forth requirements for approval or denial of Medical Standby Service permit.
48-18.016	Appeal of Denial	Section added to set forth process and requirements for appeal of denial of Medical Standby Service permit.
48-18.018	Transport of Patients	Section added to prohibit transport of patients by Medical Standby Service.
48-18.080	Color Scheme and Uniforms	Section added to prohibit color scheme, logo or uniform of Medical Standby Service from being the same or similar color scheme of a fire department, fire protection district, or ambulance service.
48-18.026	Exemption from Special Event Permit Requirement	Section added to exempt holders of Certificate of Operation from Medical Standby Service Permit.
48-18.028	Compliance	Section added to require Medical Standby Service to comply with all other laws and regulations where the event will be held.
48-18.030	Mutual Aid	Section added to require Medical Standby Service to make its staff and equipment available to aid and assist LEMSA or public safety agency in the event of an emergency or disaster.
48-20.002	General Performance Standards	Section added to require ambulance service provider to adhere to general performance standards.



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48-20.004	Quality Management Program – Required	Section added to require non-emergency ambulance service provider to establish and maintain a quality management program.
48-20.006	Critical Care Transport Nurse Units	Section added to require ambulance service providers that provide CCT-RN transport to comply with all requirements non-emergency ambulances and that RN’s attend EMS system orientation.
48-20.008	Physician Medical Director for CCT-RN – Required	Section added to require ambulance service providers that provide CCT-RN transport to have a physician medical director.
48-20.010	Critical Care Transport Nurse Training – Required	Section added to require ambulance service providers to train CCT-RN to the same standards as paramedics, including training in LEMSA’s QA and QI processes.
48-20.014	Personal Protective Equipment	Section added to require ambulance service provider to supply and maintain standardized and properly fitted personal protective equipment.
48-20.018	Enforcement of Judgment - Reporting Required	Section added to require an ambulance service provider to provide the LEMSA with information regarding any unpaid judgments or liens.
48-20.020	Non-Emergency Ambulance EMS System Support	Section added to require non-emergency ambulance services to, at the request and direction of the permit officer, provide mutual aid ambulance service or assist with disaster, multi-patient, or mass casualty incidents within the County. Subsection added to require non-emergency ambulance services to participate in disaster exercises annually; requires personnel call-back plan.
48-20.022	Compliance with Multi Casualty Incident Plan	Section added to require compliance with multi-patient casualty incident plan.
48-20.024	Transport of Cadavers – Prohibited	Section added to prohibit the transport of cadavers.
48-20.026	Security of Ambulances	Section added to prohibit unlocked or unsecured ambulances when not participating in an emergency response.