

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MODIFIED FIRST RESPONDER COST RECOVERY FEE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2015 City Council approved the implementation of the Emergency Medical Services and Vehicle Accident Collision Cost Recovery Program; and

WHEREAS, the adopted program in 2015 has demonstrated an adverse financial impact on members of our community; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a cost recovery program positions the City to take advantage of changing insurance billing practices in the future that could bring additional reimbursement to the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed First Responder Cost Recovery Fee Program leaves billing in place but relieves the financial impacts from those members of our community who use our emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed First Responder Cost Recovery Fee Program incorporates compassionate fee forgiveness eliminating the need for a separate fee forgiveness policy previously approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the current fee is an accurate representation of the costs for providing emergency medical services and traffic collision responses in the City of Salinas; and

WHEREAS, the current fee was established through a Nexus Study in April 2015 and has been reviewed and adjusted annually by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the fee is included in the current City of Salinas Schedule of Fees and Charges for City Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council:

1. Rescinds Resolution 20872 – Emergency Medical Services and Vehicle Accident Collision Cost Recovery Fee Program Billing, Collection and Fee Forgiveness Policies
2. Authorizes the implementation of the City of Salinas First Responder Cost Recovery Fee Program, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of February 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk