

**City of Piedmont
Council Agenda Report**

DATE: June 6, 2005

FROM: John C. Speakman, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: **Approval of a Two-Year Extension to the City's Ambulance and Paramedic Provider Agreement with Alameda County until October 31, 2007**

RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, approve the attached Amendment which will extend the city's agreement with Alameda County for Advanced Life Support and Paramedic Services until October 31, 2007.

BACKGROUND:

In 2001 the city approved a new agreement with Alameda County regarding ambulance and paramedic services which was to be effective from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2004.. All cities in Alameda County which have their own paramedic service are subject to this agreement because the county has the authority to set standards for countywide paramedic services and to mandate standardized fees charged for such services.

In May 2003 and April 2004 the city approved amendments to this agreement which raised rates charged to non-residents or for mutual aid. The 2004 amendment also extended the agreement to June 30, 2005.

At this time, Alameda County is requesting that the agreement be extended for a further two (2) years until October 31, 2007. The current amendment does not raise fees for non-resident services.

Participation in this agreement is mandatory if the City of Piedmont wishes to provide paramedic services within Alameda County. The agreement (which is not attached but is available for review) and the proposed amendment (attached) have been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.