

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	15297	<b>Agenda Number</b>	105.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	5/24/2012	<b>Department:</b>	Emergency Medical Services
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**Subject**

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance on first reading regarding the application submitted by Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. to renew a non-emergency medical transfer franchise under Chapter 10-2 of the City Code. (Suggested date and time: June 14, 2012, 4:00pm, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Tx.). Related to Item # 17.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
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<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	August 30, 2007 to grant Acadians initial franchise for a five year term.
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<b>For More Information:</b>	Ernesto Rodriguez, Director, 972-7148
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<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	The Austin - Travis County EMS Advisory Board reviewed this as an agenda item at the meeting on May 2, 2012 and a one year renewal was approved on a motion 6-0.
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<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
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<b>Related Items:</b>	
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**Additional Backup Information**

Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. has held a non-emergency medical transfer franchise with the City of Austin since 2007. This franchise will expire on October 30, 2012. Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. is requesting a renewal of the franchise for a five-year term.

In order for a private ambulance company to provide non-emergency medical transfer services within the city limits it must obtain a franchise from the City of Austin. Chapter 10-2 of the City Code requires that a public hearing be held regarding such applications. The purpose of this RCA is to request that City Council set a public hearing for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2012, regarding a non-emergency transfer franchise application. Currently, two companies hold non-emergency transfer franchises in Austin, American Medical Response of Texas, Inc (AMR) and Acadian Ambulance Service (Acadian). Non-emergency medical transfers typically occur between skilled nursing facilities and hospitals and are usually prescheduled by medical personnel.

Staff analysis of Acadian’s franchise renewal application has been completed with satisfactory findings. This analysis included a review of the applicant’s operations, and performance ratings as a current franchise provider in Austin. The Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board reviewed the staff recommendation on May 2, 2012 prior to the public hearing that is being requested.

