

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	50862	Agenda Number	41.
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Meeting Date:	10/1/2015	Department:	Emergency Medical Services
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**Subject**

Set a public hearing regarding the application submitted by Acute Medical Service, Inc. to begin a non-emergency transfer franchise under City Code Chapter 10-2. (Suggested date and time: October 15, 2015, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Kerri Lang, Assistant Director 512-972-7211
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	The Austin - Travis County EMS Advisory Board reviewed this as an agenda item at the meeting on April 17, 2015 and voted against the franchise application with a vote of 6-0.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

**Additional Backup Information**

The purpose of this RCA is to request that Council set a public hearing regarding the approval/disapproval of the franchise application for Acute Medical Services, LLC.

In September 2014, Austin-Travis County EMS (A/TCEMS) received an application from Acute Medical Services requesting approval as a new franchise for the City of Austin. An initial review of the application was completed in January 2015. A summary of the application review including deficiencies was provided to the applicant on February 10, 2015. The applicant was given 10 business days to respond. The applicant provided a response on February 23, 2015. Upon review of the response, an inspection of the applicant's ambulances was conducted on April 7, 2015. The applicant did not pass the ambulance inspection. A final report was submitted to the Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board on April 17, 2015 with a staff recommendation to disapprove the application due to several deficiencies including the failed ambulance inspection. The Board took action to disapprove the applicant with a vote of 6-0 on April 17, 2015. Correspondence was sent to Mayor and Council regarding the Board's recommendation on June 15, 2015.

In order for a private ambulance company to provide non-emergency transfer services within the limits of the City of Austin, the provider must hold a franchise from the City. Non-emergency transfers typically occur between skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, and private residences and are usually prescheduled by medical personnel. Currently, two companies hold such franchises, Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc.(Acadian) and American Medical Response of Texas Inc. (AMR)

A/TCEMS recommends disapproval of this franchise application.