

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting : February 1, 2018

Item Number: **069**

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance on first reading regarding the application submitted by Allegiance Mobile Health to approve a non-emergency medical transfer franchise under City Code Chapter 10-2. (Suggested date and time: March 1, 2018, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.)

Lead Department	Emergency Medical Services
Fiscal Note	This item has no fiscal impact.
For More Information	Kerri Lang, Assistant Director, 512-972-7211 Ernesto Rodriguez, Chief, 512-972-7148
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	The Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board reviewed this agenda item on Nov, 1, 2017 and a five year franchise was approved for recommendation on a motion of 7-0.

Additional Backup Information:

Allegiance Mobile Health (“Allegiance”) applied for a non-emergency transfer franchise with the City of Austin in September of 2017. Allegiance is requesting a franchise for a five year term.

In order for a private ambulance company to provide non-emergency medical transfer service 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 on each application. The purpose of this RCA is to

request that the City Council set a public hearing for 4:00pm on Thursday, March 1, 2018, regarding Allegiance's 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 Services of Texas, LLC. (Acadian). Non-emergency medical transfers typically occur between nursing home facilities and hospitals and are usually prescheduled by medical personnel.

Staff analysis of Allegiance's franchise application has been completed. The analysis included a review of the applicant's operations and performance from other operations within the state of Texas. The Austin Travis County Advisory Board reviewed that staff findings on November 1, 2017, and recommended Allegiance for a five year franchise in a vote of 7-0.