

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: March 8, 2018

Item Number: **015**

Action on Item(s) with Closed Public Hearings - per City Code Section 2-5-27, additional speakers will not be registered

Approve second reading of an ordinance granting a non-emergency medical transfer franchise to Allegiance Mobile Health under City Code Chapter 10-2. (THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS ITEM WAS HELD AND CLOSED ON March 1, 2018.)

Lead Department	Emergency Medical Services
Fiscal Note	This item has no fiscal impact.
Prior Council Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 1, 2018 - Set a public hearing to consider the application submitted by Allegiance Mobile Health for a franchise. March 1, 2018 - Conducted a public hearing and considered an ordinance on first reading to grant a franchise agreement to Allegiance Mobile Health.
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 as an agenda item at the meeting on Nov. 1, 2017 and a five-year franchise was approved for recommendation on a motion 7-0.

Additional Backup Information:

The purpose of this RCA is to request that Council approve the franchise agreement for Allegiance Mobile Health, LLC ("Allegiance") on the second reading.

Allegiance Mobile Health applied to be added as a new franchise provider for non-emergency transfer services within the City of Austin. Austin-Travis County EMS (ATCEMS) received an application from Allegiance Mobile Health in September of 2017, requesting a franchise for a five-year term. All the required application elements have been submitted and the application fee has been paid in full.

In order for a private ambulance company to provide non-emergency transfer services within the city 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, LLC, and American Medical Response of Texas, Inc.

The Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board reviewed the staff findings on November 1, 2017, and recommended Allegiance for a five year franchise in a vote of 7-0. The Board Recommendation is attached, along with a memo outlining staff findings.