

Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1826, Agenda Item #: 6.

5/18/2023

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance waiving City Code Chapter 14-11 (Use of Right of Way) and Section 10-2-60 of Chapter 10-2 (Medical Transfer Services); and authorizing negotiation and execution of a license agreement with American Medical Response, Inc. for a limited term; and declaring an emergency.

Lead Department

Emergency Medical Services.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

April 26, 2018 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20180426-009 granting American Medical Response, of Texas, Inc. (AMR) a five-year renewal of franchise to operate a medical transfer service.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

American Medical Response of Texas, Inc. (AMR) has held a non-emergency medical transfer franchise with the City since 1996. On February 14, 2023 in accordance with the terms of the franchise in place at the time, the City received an application from AMR requesting a renewal of the franchise for another five-year term. AMR fully complied with the requirements for submitting the application and paid the required fee.

On June 26, 2023, the current franchise under Ordinance No. 20180426-009 will expire, and the renewal of the franchise agreement is not expected to commence for approximately six months.

AMR transports approximately 1,000 patients each month. Thus, a public convenience will be served by granting AMR a short term license agreement for 180 days to operate a non-emergency medical transfer service within the City limits.