



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2262, **Agenda Item #:** 136.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance regarding the application submitted by American Medical Response of Texas, Inc. to approve a non-emergency medical transfer franchise under City Code Chapter 10-2 (Suggested date: Thursday, August 31, 2023 at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas).

Lead Department

Emergency Medical Services.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

April 16, 2018 - Council granted American Medical Response, Inc. a renewal of the franchise for a five-year term.

May 18, 2023 - Council approved a license agreement with American Medical Response of Texas, Inc. for a limited term and waiving City Code Chapter 14-11 (Use of Right of Way) and Section 10-2-60 of Chapter 10-2 (Medical Transfer Services) to allow time to negotiate and execute the agreement.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

American Medical Response has held a franchise with the City of Austin since December 1996. On February 13, 2023 Austin-Travis County EMS (ATCEMS) received an application from American Medical Response of Texas, Inc. requesting a renewal of the franchise for another five-year term. All the required application elements have been submitted and the application fee has been paid in full. Staff analysis of American Medical Response'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 department recommends approving the application.

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. The purpose of this RCA is to request that Council set a public hearing for Thursday, August 31, 2023, regarding a non-emergency transfer application. Non-emergency transfers typically occur between skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, and private residences and are usually prescheduled by medical personnel. Currently, four companies hold such franchises, Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. (Acadian), American Medical Response of Texas Inc. (AMR), Allegiance Ambulance and City Ambulance.