



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 23-2472, **Agenda Item #:** 19.

9/21/2023

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### **Posting Language**

Approve second reading of an ordinance renewing a non-emergency medical transfer franchise for American Medical Response of Texas, Inc. under City Code Chapter 10-2 (The public hearing for this was held and closed on August 31, 2023).

### **Lead Department**

Emergency Medical Services.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

April 26, 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.

July 20, 2023 - Council set a public hearing to consider the application submitted by American Medical Response of Texas, Inc.

August 31, 2023 - Council conducted a public hearing to approve the franchise agreement for American Medical Response of Texas, Inc. on first reading.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The purpose of this RCA is to request that Council approve renewal of the franchise held by American Medical Response of Texas, Inc. and approve the franchise agreement on second reading.

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

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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, four companies hold such franchises, Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. (Acadian), American Medical Response of Texas Inc. (AMR), Allegiance Ambulance and City Ambulance and City Ambulance.