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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	16710	Agenda Number	118.
Meeting Date:	8/2/2012			Department:	Emergency Medical Services
Subject					
Approve third reading of an ordinance renewing a non-emergency medical transfer franchise to Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. under Chapter 10-2 of the City Code.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	June 14, 2012 Conducted a public hearing and considered an ordinance on first reading regarding the application submitted by Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc., for a non-emergency medical transfer franchise under Chapter 10-2 of the City Code. June 28, 2012 Approved second reading of an ordinance renewing a non-emergency medical transfer franchise to Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. under Chapter 10-2 of the City Code.				
For More Information:	Ernesto Rodriguez, Director, 972-7148				
Boards and Commission Action:	The Austin - Travis County EMS Advisory Board reviewed this as an agenda item at the meeting on May 2, 2012 and a one year renewal was approved on a motion 6-0.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					

The purpose of this RCA is to request that Council approve the franchise agreement for Acadian Ambulance Service on the third reading.

Acadian Ambulance Service has held a franchise with the City of Austin since October, 2007. On March 19, 2012, Austin-Travis County EMS (A/TCEMS) received an application from Acadian Ambulance Service 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.

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. 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, Inc.(Acadian) and American Medical Response of Texas Inc. (AMR)