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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	50212	Agenda Number	85.
Meeting Date:	10/15/2015			Department:	Emergency Medical Services
Subject					
Conduct a public hearing regarding the application submitted by Acute Medical Service, Inc. to begin a non-emergency transfer franchise, under Chapter 10-2 of the City Code and consider the franchise application on first reading.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:					
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	The Austin - Travis County EMS Advisory Board reviewed this as an agenda item at their meeting on April 17, 2015 and voted to reject approval of the franchise application; motion moved on a 6/0 vote. September 28, 2015 - Forwarded to Council with a recommendation for disapproval.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					
The purpose of this RCA is to request that Council hold a public hearing regarding the approval/disapproval of the franchise application for Acute Medical Services, LLC.					
In September 2014, Austin-Travis County EMS (A/TCEMS) received an application from Acute Medical Services requesting approval as a new franchise for the City of Austin. An initial review of the application was completed in January 2015. A summary of the application review including deficiencies was provided to the applicant on February 10, 2015. The applicant was given 10 business days to respond. The applicant provided a response on February 23, 2015. Upon review of the response, an inspection of the applicant’s ambulances was conducted on April 7, 2015. The applicant did not pass the ambulance inspection. A final report was submitted to the Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board on April 17, 2015 with a staff recommendation to disapprove the application due to several deficiencies including the failed ambulance inspection. The Board took action to disapprove the applicant with a vote of 6-0 on April 17, 2015. Correspondence was sent to Mayor and Council regarding the Board’s recommendation on June 16, 2015.					
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)					
A/TCEMS recommends disapproval of this franchise application.					