

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: March 1, 2018

Item Number: **041**

Public Hearing and Possible Action

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance on first reading regarding the application submitted by Allegiance Mobile Health for a non-emergency transfer franchise under City Code Chapter 10-2.

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| Lead Department | Emergency Medical Services |
| Fiscal Note | This item has no fiscal impact. |
| Prior Council Action | 2/01/2018 - Set the public hearing date. |
| For More Information | Kerri Lang, Assistant Director, 512-972-7211 Ernesto Rodriguez, Chief, 512-972-7148 |
| Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action | The Austin Travis County EMS Advisory Board reviewed this agenda item on November 1, 2017 and a five-year franchise was approved for recommendation on a motion of 7-0. |

Additional Backup Information:

This is to request that Council hold a public hearing regarding the application of a non-emergency transfer franchise requested by Allegiance Mobile Health ("Allegiance") and approve the franchise agreement on first reading.

Allegiance applied for a non-emergency transfer franchise with the City of Austin in September 2017 and is requesting a five-year term.

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 non-emergency transfer franchises in Austin; American Medical Response of Texas, Inc. (AMR), and Acadian Ambulance Services of Texas, LLC. (Acadian).

The Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board reviewed the staff findings on November 1, 2017, and recommended Allegiance for a five year franchise in a vote of 7-0. The Board Recommendation is attached, along with a memo outlining staff findings.