



**Austin City Code Amendment
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9
AGENDA DATE: Thu 08/18/2005
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance repealing and replacing Article 10 of Chapter 2-1 of the City Code relating to the Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Emergency Medical
DEPARTMENT: Services

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Richard Herrington

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Herrington, Executive Director, 972-7048

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: The Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board was created on January 17, 2002.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

The Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board ("Advisory Board") was created by Travis County Commissioners and by the City Council on December 18, 2001 and January 17, 2002, respectively. The City and County revised the Advisory Board's membership requirements for the Fiscal Year 2005 Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Medical Services ("Interlocal Agreement") that was approved by the City Council and the Travis County Commissioners Court in December, 2004. Due to the changes in membership requirements, EMS is proposing a repeal of the current Advisory Board ordinance.

The new ordinance reflects the membership structure referenced in the Interlocal Agreement.

The Interlocal Agreement requires that the Advisory Board include representation from each type of organization that participates in the provision of emergency medical services in Travis County. The proposed board structure includes representatives from the following groups that are not included on the existing board:

Neighborhood Group Representative

Corporate First Responder Representative

Emergency Services District (ESD) Commissioner

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 2-1, ARTICLE 10 OF THE CITY CODE relating to the Austin – Travis County EMS Advisory Board.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Chapter 2-1, Article 10 of the City Code is repealed and replaced to read:

ARTICLE 10. Austin – Travis County EMS Advisory Board.

§ 2-1-101 CREATION; MEMBERSHIP.

(A) The Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board is created.

(B) The board shall be composed of nine members as follows:

(1) a physician representative from the Travis County Medical Society Emergency Department/Emergency Medical Services Committee, appointed by the City Council;

(2) the director of trauma surgery for the hospital that is designated by the Texas State Department of Health Services as the lead trauma hospital in Austin;

(3) an emergency services district commissioner appointed by the Travis County Commissioner Court;

(4) a local physician who is knowledgeable about emergency medical and trauma services, appointed by the Travis County Commissioners Court;

(5) a Travis County representative appointed by the Travis County Commissioners Court;

(6) a City of Austin representative appointed by the City Council;

(7) a neighborhood group representative appointed by the City Council;

(8) a corporate response group representative appointed by the City Council; and

(9) a consumer who is informed about issues relating to Emergency Medical Services appointed by the Travis County Commissioners Court.

(C) The residency requirement of the Section 2-1-1 (*Residency Requirement*) is waived. A resident of the City of Austin or of Travis County is eligible to serve on the board.

§ 2-1-102 TERMS.

(A) The members of the board enumerated in Section 2-1-101(B)(1), (3), (5), (6), and (8) shall two-year terms beginning on November 1.

(B) The board members enumerated in Section 2-1-101(B)(2), (4), (7), and (9) shall serve three-year terms beginning on November 1.

(C) Except for the board member appointed in an ex officio capacity under Section 2-1-101(B)(2), board members may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

§ 2-1-103 QUORUM.

Five members of the board constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

§ 2-1-104 PURPOSE; DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

(A) The board shall consider and make recommendations to the City Council about the delivery of emergency medical services.

(B) The board shall review the performance of the EMS system from the perspective of each organizations participating in the system and shall make recommendations to City Council regarding:

(1) use of the assets and resources of the various organizations participating in the EMS system; and

(2) the placement of EMS stations to help promote high quality and efficient service throughout Austin and Travis County.

(C) The board may not exercise administrative control over the City of Austin Emergency Medical Services Department or an employee or that department.

PART 2. The terms of the initial nine members appointed are considered to begin on November 1, 2005, regardless of the actual date of appointment.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2005

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk