



# City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

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**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: JUNE 23, 2015**

**FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE (AMR) THREE-YEAR MEDICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND FRANCHISE EXTENSION – RESOLUTION**

**ISSUE:**

Approval for the City to exercise its second option to extend the First Responder Agreement with American Medical Response (AMR) from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Riverside and American Medical Response for provision of ambulance services through June 30, 2018; and
2. Adopt the attached Resolution continuing the current rate structure consistent with the original Agreement between the City of Riverside and American Medical Response.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County of Riverside, through its Department of Health, is the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency for an area that includes the City of Riverside. The County, working with the City, entered into a Master Agreement with AMR and designated AMR as the exclusive provider of emergency ambulance transport services. The terms of the Agreement allowed AMR to arrange for Advanced Life Support first responder services (ALS) with approval from the County. As a result, AMR entered into a contract with the City for provision of ALS first responder services, which the City is authorized to administer pursuant to the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act.

The current Medical Services Agreement (Agreement) between the City and AMR for Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support transport services was approved on October 1, 2010 with a term through June 30, 2012 and the option to extend for two additional periods of time of no less than three years each if mutually agreed upon. The City Council approved a First Amendment to the Medical Services Agreement and a Franchise Extension on June 19, 2012, for the period covering July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. The proposed Second Amendment exercises the City's option to extend the Agreement to cover the time period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. No further changes are being made to the Agreement.

The current Agreement further provides that the Fire Chief, who serves as the Ambulance Contract Administrator, shall continue to be responsible for reviewing rate increases up to and including 5.0% based on percentage increase or decrease in the CPI for all urban consumers in the Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside Metropolitan Areas during the prior calendar year, including the housing component, and shall approve any such increase supported by adequate documentation by AMR regarding its calculation. City Council approval is required for proposed rate increases over 5.0%.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Per RMC Section 5.66.030, a franchise fee will be imposed for the granting or extension of a franchise. Approval of this Franchise Extension will allow for uninterrupted provision of Advanced Life Support transport services. The City will continue to generate current monthly revenues in the amount of \$117,179.57, which is used to fund the City's Fire Department Paramedic program, and have been included in the Fiscal Year 2015/16 budget.

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Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Second Amendment to Agreement
2. Resolution