



Proposed Amendment to Chapter 5.66 of the Riverside Municipal Code Pertaining to Ambulances

Fire Department

City Council
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OBJECTIVES

1. Proposed revisions to RMC 5.66 for City Council consideration designed to improve implementation of the ordinance;
2. Proposed amendments are not intended to alter provisions regarding 9-1-1 emergency medical transports, and are not inconsistent with Riverside County's Emergency Medical Services Plan.

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Current Ordinance

The Fire Chief conducts an investigation to determine:

1. If the public health, safety, welfare, convenience, and necessity require the granting of a franchise;
2. If an applicant meets all requirements of 5.66.
3. The Fire Chief then issues a report to the Public Safety Committee, which then makes its recommendation to the City Council on whether to approve or deny a franchise application.

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Current Ordinance cont'd

The City Council then:

1. Initiates proceedings under the Charter to pass a resolution declaring its intention to grant an ambulance franchise upon finding at the conclusion of a public hearing that the public health, safety, welfare, convenience, and necessity require the granting of the franchise.
2. The council may grant the franchise on the terms and conditions specified in the Resolution of Intention.

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Proposed Ordinance

To process an application for a permit or franchise, the Fire Chief conducts an investigation to determine:

1. If an applicant meets all requirements of RMC 5.66.
2. For a Franchise, the Fire Chief then issues a report to the Public Safety Committee, which then makes its recommendation to the City Council on whether to approve or deny a franchise application.
3. The Administrator may grant a permit for non-emergency transports.

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Proposed Revisions

Additional Revisions include the following:

1. Establishment of Franchise vs. Permit.
 - a. Franchise for 9-1-1 Emergency Transports
 - b. Permit for non-emergency transports
2. Elimination of Section B&C under Section 5.66.60
 - a. Need and Necessity
 - b. Public Convenience and Necessity
3. Terms and Conditions for Suspension, Revocation and Amendments were added under Section 5.66.110

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Proposed Revisions cont'd

Additional revisions include the following:

- Establish an appeals process for non emergency ambulance service providers who were denied a permit.



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RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council introduce and adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 5.66 of the Riverside Municipal Code as outlined in this report.



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