
Ordinance No. 1191

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRANKSTON CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES [AMBULANCE SERVICE] BY A CERTAIN PROVIDER, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MANDATED LEVEL OF SERVICE AND AUTHORIZING A MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM TO OFFSET OPERATING LOSSES.

WHEREAS the provision of efficient, timely and professional emergency medical services are a matter of public concern; and

WHEREAS the City Council believes it would be in the best public interest to designate one provider for *all* emergency and transfer ambulance activity within the corporate city limits and extra-territorial jurisdictions currently served by one or more city services; and

WHEREAS the selection of one EMS provider will prevent an erosion of available revenue for the ambulance provider thus reducing / precluding city subsidy to offset operating expenses; and

WHEREAS the provision of professional ambulance service outfitted as *Advanced Life Support (ALS) Mobile Intensive Care Units* is an essential service for the resident of the city, and the failure to provide, or cause to be provided said professional ALS/MICU service could result in an increase morbidity and mortality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF FRANKSTON AS FOLLOWS:

I.

PROVIDER

[a] The City, the corporate city limits and extra-territorial jurisdictions will be served by one (1) EMS ambulance provider, who shall be designated by City Council for a period of time to be determined by a contractual document which must be ratified / authorized by Council.

[b] The provider shall be East Texas Medical Center Emergency Medical Services (ETMC EMS) of Tyler, Texas, a unit of East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System.

II.

LEVEL OF SERVICE

[a] To ensure that the citizens of FRANKSTON receive quality pre-hospital care, the City Council will *mandate* a level of care which must be met by the EMS/ambulance provider.

[b] East Texas Medical Center EMS or any successor ambulance company will provide ALS/MICU ambulance unit(s) 24-hours per day. It is understood that the level of care is determined by training of personnel and the equipment and medications assigned to each ambulance unit. State law and regulations govern ALS/MICU designation as well as the training and certification requirements for the personnel who staff the ambulances.

III.

MEMBERSHIP FUNDING

[a] The City Council hereby authorizes the sole ambulance provider to conduct a membership program to defray operating expenses in providing ALS /MICU ambulance service pursuant to state law and regulations, Emergency Medical Services Act of 1987 as amended by the legislature in 1989.

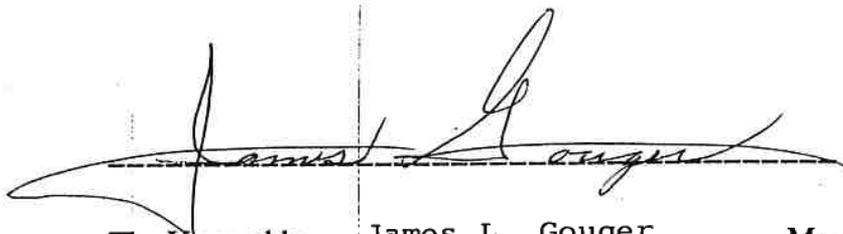
[b] To facilitate collection of monthly membership fees, Council also authorizes the placement of a *voluntary* ambulance membership assessment on the monthly water bills for *all* residential customers served by the City of FRANKSTON.

[c] Residents who do not wish to participate in the monthly membership program, or who would like to make one annual payment, may request in writing at City Hall that said assessment be deleted from their monthly water utility bill.

[d] The Council orders that its sole ambulance provider maintain an accurate listing of members who make monthly or annual payments. The City's staff will provide, subject to terms of the contract with the provider, a monthly listing of residents who pay the ambulance membership fee on the water meter.

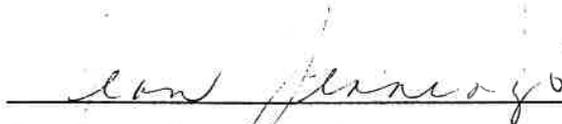
[e] The ambulance provider may commence marketing activities to promote membership solicitation prior to the start date of the ambulance service / membership program which will begin on a date certain specified in the contractual documents between the city and ambulance provider.

ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 1991.



The Honorable James L. Gouger, Mayor
of the City of Frankston, Texas

ATTEST:


City Clerk, City of Frankston

APPROVED:

City Attorney