

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 21, 2012

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING ALL AMERICAN AMBULANCE & TRANSPORT TO PROVIDE INTER-FACILITY TRANSPORT IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

ISSUE: Consideration of request from All American Ambulance & Transport to provide private ambulance service/inter-facility transports in the City of Alexandria.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council adopt the proposed resolution (Attachment 1) that approves All American Ambulance & Transport to provide inter-facility Basic Life Saving, Advanced Life Saving, Bariatric, and wheelchair van or sedan medical transport services in the City of Alexandria. This private ambulance service will in no way compete with or respond to medical emergencies within the City.

The Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council reviewed the request from the ambulance company and voted not to oppose the request, provided that those medical services in no way conflict with or impede the ability of the Alexandria Fire Department to respond to and provide 911 emergency medical services to the residents, businesses, and visitors of Alexandria (Attachment 2).

DISCUSSION: All American Ambulance & Transport is a private corporation incorporated since 1990 in Maryland that seeks to expand its services into Northern Virginia. The ambulance company, which currently provides service in the District of Columbia and Maryland, has requested a resolution from the City of Alexandria, per Virginia EMS Rules and Regulations. Section 15.2-955 of the Code of Virginia requires a resolution from the governing body of each locality where a private ambulance service maintains an office, stations an EMS vehicle for response within the locality, or is a Designated Emergency Response Agency approving the request. All American Ambulance and Transport plan on initially serving the INOVA Alexandria facility. The attached resolution, if approved by Council, will allow the State to complete the licensure process. According to Adam Harrell, EMS Program Representative, Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services in Fairfax, the company meets all of the other requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution
2. May 11, 2012 Memorandum from the Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council

STAFF:

Rose Williams Boyd, Special Assistant to the City Manager
Brian Hricik, EMS Operations Manager
Adam Thiel, Fire Chief

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, *All American Ambulance & Transport currently operates as a licensed EMS agency in Maryland and the District of Columbia providing inter-facility transports in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area; and*

WHEREAS, *All American Ambulance & Transport wishes to expand into Northern Virginia and include the City of Alexandria for purposes of inter-facility transports; and*

WHEREAS, *All American Ambulance & Transport intends to provide inter-facility Basic Life Saving, Advanced Life Saving, Bariatric, and wheelchair van or sedan medical transport services in the City of Alexandria and in no way compete with nor respond to medical emergencies within the City; and*

WHEREAS, *All American Ambulance & Transport has requested licensure in the Commonwealth of Virginia to allow them to operate in the Commonwealth to include the City of Alexandria;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

on this date of June 26, 2012, the Alexandria City Council does hereby approve All American Ambulance & Transport to operate within the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Adopted: June 26, 2012

WILLIAM D. EUILLE

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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May 11, 2012

MEMORANUM FOR MAYOR EUILLE, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, and CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: All American Ambulance & Transport (AAA&T)

REFERENCE: E-mail correspondence sent February 01, 2012 from Mr. Adam L. Harrell, EMS Program Representative, Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services to Ms Rose Boyd, Executive Secretary Boards and Commissions, Alexandria City Manager's Office.

On March 12, 2012 the EMS Council reviewed this subject.

The Maryland based AAA&T is requesting an ordinance or resolution from the City of Alexandria due to the Commonwealth of Virginia's EMS Rules and Regulations 12VAC5-31-420.

It is the Council's understanding that Virginia State law requires private ambulance companies seeking to originate calls for service in Virginia to first get approval from a municipality prior to seeking a license from the State's Office of Emergency Medical Services.

It is also our understanding that AAA&T's intent is to only provide inter-facility Basic Life Saving, Advanced Life Saving, Bariatric, and wheelchair van or sedan medical transport services, and in no way compete with nor will they respond to medical emergencies within the City.

It is the sense of the EMS Council that it ought not oppose the inquiry of AAA Transport to provide inter-healthcare facility transport services originating in the City of Alexandria, notwithstanding further due diligence of the City or Commonwealth and its regulatory, licensing, or oversight agencies or departments, provided those medical transport services in no way conflict with or impede the ability of the Alexandria Fire Department to respond to and provide 911 emergency medical services to the residents, businesses, and visitors of Alexandria.

Enclosure

RESOLUTION NO. 2510

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