



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-1944, **Agenda Item #:** 7.

7/23/2026

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 10-2 (Emergency Medical Services) to amend definitions; provide emergency medical services authority on emergency scenes; require reimbursement by non-emergency medical transfer providers in some circumstances; enact regulations for private medical service operators at events; authorize related fees; and creating an offense. Funding: This item has no fiscal impact.

Lead Department

Emergency Medical Services.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

March 9, 2023 - City Council approved an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 10-2 (Emergency Medical Services) to remove references to the Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board (Board), reassign the duties of the Board, and repeal an obsolete section.

June 14, 2018 - City Council approved an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 10-2 (Emergency Medical Services) related to regulations for non-emergency medical transfer service providers.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

City Code Chapter 10-2 controls and regulates the provision of emergency medical services, including requiring the Austin Travis County EMS to provide continuous, uninterrupted emergency medical service within the City. This provision, last comprehensively updated in 1992, no longer fully reflects the operational realities, system demands, or regulatory needs of the Emergency Medical Services system. This ordinance addresses multiple emerging challenges identified by Austin Travis County EMS, including significant changes in EMS response models, increased reliance on EMS due to Medical Transfer Services staffing shortages, and rapidly growing demand for private emergency medical coverage at special events.