

Item Title: Public Hearing on MedEx Medical Transportation Inc. for a Non-Emergency Ambulance Franchise (First Reading)

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners grants a non-emergency ambulance franchise to MedEx Medical Transportation Inc. for operation of a non-emergency ambulance service in Wake County effective May 9, 2016 for a period of five years.

Item Summary:

MedEx Medical Transportation Inc. of Ahoskie, North Carolina, is requesting the issuance of a non-emergency ambulance franchise for operation of a non-emergency medical transport service pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 111 of the Wake County Code of Ordinances. Award of a non-emergency ambulance franchise represents permission to deliver non-emergency ambulance transportation services, and does not involve County subsidies or payments.

The Director of the Department of Emergency Medical Services has reviewed MedEx Medical Transportation's application for a non-emergency ambulance franchise, and has determined that MedEx Medical Transportation's representations are consistent with the requirements of Wake County's ambulance franchise ordinance.

MedEx Medical Transportation Inc. is requesting issuance of this franchise subject to the Department of Emergency Medical Services Director's finding of "on-the-ground" compliance of MedEx Medical Transportation Inc. with Chapter 111 of the Wake County Code of Ordinances, and all applicable state statutes and regulations.

There are currently five franchised non-emergency ambulance providers and one franchised convalescent ambulance provider in Wake County. MedEx Medical Transportation Inc. will be the sixth non-emergency ambulance provider.

Because a franchise ordinance requires two readings, if this request is approved by the Board of Commissioners on April 18, 2016, a second reading and approval will be required at the Board's May 2, 2016 meeting.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance Granting Franchise to MedEx Medical Transportation, Inc.