



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#18-1158

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 4, 2018

TITLE: Public Hearing to Review Application for Certificate of Public Convenience
and Necessity for Century Ambulance Service, Inc. for Medical Transport
Vehicle Service

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Century Ambulance Service, Inc. to operate six medical transport vehicles (one F-350 and five Mercedes Sprinter Type 2) within the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Background

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale makes it unlawful for any person to engage in, or carry on, the business of operating for hire vehicles within the City without first obtaining from the City a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN).

Pursuant to Section 27-192 (a)(1), Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances, the individual or entity seeking a permit or business tax receipt for the operation of rental cars with chauffeurs and/or sightseeing vehicles must apply for a CPCN with the City's Department of Transportation and Mobility (TAM). Upon receipt of such application, the Department will review each application for sufficiency and forward sufficient applications to the City Commission for review and approval.

Century Ambulance Service Inc. is applying to provide service in the City of Fort Lauderdale utilizing six (6) medical transport vehicles on a combination of City, County and State roadways. The City does not have the authority to make a determination on the operation of these vehicles on Broward County roadways or the State highway system. Century Ambulance Service, Inc. currently has an agreement with Broward County to operate on their roadways (Exhibit 1).

Staff has received and reviewed the attached application (Exhibit 2) from Century

Ambulance Service, Inc. The applicant proposes to operate solely as a back-up service to governmental entities for the provision of emergency medical services. Transportation and Mobility determined the application to be acceptable and recommends approval to operate on City roadways.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Business Development Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- *Goal 9:* Be the safest urban coastal city in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- *Objective 2:* Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Broward County/Century Ambulance Service, Inc. Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Exhibit 3 – Business Tax Application

Exhibit 4 – Approval Letter dated October 5, 2018

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