

PROPOSED

ORDINANCE NO.

1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD
2 COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO CERTIFICATE CLASSIFICATIONS; AMENDING
3 VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 3½ OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF
4 ORDINANCES (“CODE”); PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS AND CLASS 7 ADVANCED
5 LIFE SUPPORT AND BASIC LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES; AND PROVIDING FOR
6 SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7 (Sponsored by Senator Steve Geller)
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9 WHEREAS, Chapter 3½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances (“Code”) requires
10 that any person or entity that provides Advanced Life Support (“ALS”) or Basic Life Support
11 (“BLS”) service within Broward County must obtain a certificate of public convenience and
12 necessity from Broward County;

13 WHEREAS, expanding transport options to patients arriving to Broward County from
14 an airport or cruise port can improve service and further address nonemergency medical
15 transport needs;

16 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida
17 (“Board”), desires to amend the Code to add a new classification of service to transport
18 patients arriving by air ambulance at an airport or by ship at a cruise port to a medical facility;
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20 WHEREAS, the Board finds that the amendments to the Code set forth herein are in
21 the best interest of the residents of Broward County,

22 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD
23 COUNTY, FLORIDA:

24 Section 1. Section 3½-1 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby
25 amended to read as follows:

26 **Sec. 3½-1. Definitions.**

27 As used in this chapter:

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29 *Air ambulance* means any rotary-winged aircraft used for, or intended to be used for,
30 air transportation of sick or injured persons likely to require medical attention during transport.

31 *Airport/cruise port transport* means ALS Services or BLS Services performed by an
32 EMS provider to transport a patient from an airport (when arriving by air ambulance) or from
33 a cruise port (when arriving by ship) to a medical facility licensed by the State of Florida.

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35 Section 2. Section 3½-4 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby
36 amended to read as follows:

37 **Sec. 3½-4. Classifications of service.**

38 (a) A certificate must be obtained from the County prior to performing the
39 applicable service below:

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41 (6) *Class 7 - ALS and BLS airport or cruise port transport. An EMS provider*
42 *providing airport/cruise port transport.*

43 a. *An EMS provider that holds a Class 7 certificate may only provide*
44 *airport/cruise port transport within Broward County and is not restricted*
45 *by emergency call zones. The transport may originate only from an*

46 airport or cruise port and shall not be provided to, or for return to, an
47 airport or cruise port.

48 b. Class 7 certificate holders are prohibited from:

49 1. Responding to 911 or other emergency calls; and

50 2. Transporting patients to emergency departments for acute or
51 emergency care.

52 c. An EMS provider that holds a Class 1 - ALS Rescue certificate, a
53 Class 2 - ALS transfer certificate, or a Class 3 - BLS transport certificate
54 may also provide airport/cruise port transport, as applicable.

55 (b) Routine transfers are restricted exclusively to EMS providers that hold a
56 Class 2 - ALS transfer certificate and/or a Class 3 - BLS transport certificate and are limited
57 to the provision of ALS Service and~~or~~ BLS Service as authorized by the certificate. EMS
58 providers that hold a Class 5 - ALS specialty transport certificate may only provide specialty
59 transport. EMS providers that hold a Class 7 - ALS and BLS airport or cruise port transport
60 certificate may only provide airport/cruise port transport.

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62 Section 3. Section 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby
63 amended to read as follows:

64 **Sec 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6. Applications and Certificates for ALS Service and BLS Service.**

65 (a) All potential EMS providers (individually referred to as “applicant” within this
66 section) desiring to hold a County certificate must obtain a certificate from the Board pursuant
67 to the provisions herein and subject to such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by
68 the County.

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70 (c) Applications. All applications for ALS Service and BLS Service must include
71 the following information:

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73 (12) The number of units that are in service, fully equipped, staffed, and operational
74 twenty-four (24) hours a day; the number of units that are fully equipped, but
75 reserved for emergency response; and the maximum number of units that
76 would be placed in the area requested to respond to emergency calls and
77 routine transfers;

78 a. Applicants for Class 1 - ALS rescue must identify the minimum number
79 of vehicles used for the provision of ALS rescue (transport and
80 nontransport) on a twenty-four (24) hour per day, seven (7) day per
81 week basis;

82 b. Applicants for Class 2 - ALS transfer ~~or~~ Class 5 - ALS specialty
83 transport, or Class 7 - ALS and BLS airport or cruise port transport must
84 identify which vehicles will be used for this type of service;

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86 (k) A certificate for ALS rescue, ALS transfer, ALS air rescue, ~~or~~ ALS specialty
87 transport, or ALS and BLS airport or cruise port transport granted by the Board
88 is valid for the time period established by the Board ~~but~~ and shall ~~to~~ exceed
89 five (5) years, unless otherwise revoked, suspended, or modified.

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91 Section 4. Severability.

92 If any portion of this Ordinance is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid
93 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this

94 Ordinance. If any court determines that this Ordinance, in whole or in part, cannot be legally
95 applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such determination will not
96 affect the applicability of this Ordinance to any other individual, group, entity, property, or
97 circumstance.

98 Section 5. Inclusion in the Broward County Code of Ordinances.

99 It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this
100 Ordinance become part of the Broward County Code of Ordinances as of the effective date.
101 The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "ordinance"
102 may be changed to "section," "article," or such other appropriate word or phrase to the extent
103 necessary to accomplish such intention.

104 Section 6. Effective Date.

105 This Ordinance is effective as of the date provided by law.

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FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

By: /s/ Adam Katzman 10/15/2025
Adam Katzman (date)
Deputy County Attorney

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