

PROPOSED

ORDINANCE NO.

1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD
2 COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE BROWARD REGIONAL EMERGENCY
3 MEDICAL SERVICES (“EMS”) COUNCIL; AMENDING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 15 OF
4 THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES (“CODE”); PROVIDING FOR
5 INCLUSION OF A COUNTY COMMISSIONER ON THE EMS COUNCIL; CLARIFYING
6 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMS REVIEW COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING FOR
7 SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

8 (Sponsored by Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis)
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10 WHEREAS, the Broward Regional Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) Council
11 was established to advise the Board of County Commissioners (“Commission”) on
12 matters relating to emergency medical services, trauma management, coordination of
13 prehospital care, system performance, and other issues affecting public health, safety,
14 and welfare;

15 WHEREAS, Chapter 15 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances establishes
16 the membership composition of the EMS Council, including representatives of medical,
17 fire rescue, hospital, emergency management, and other community stakeholder entities;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, including a member of the Commission on the EMS Council will
20 strengthen the connection between EMS system recommendations and County policy
21 direction and enhance communication between the EMS Council and the Commission,

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

Section 1. Section 15-73 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-73. Objectives.

The EMS Council shall have the following objectives:

(a) Serve in an advisory role to the Broward County Board of County
Commissioners (~~“Board”~~) (“Commission”);

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(e) Make recommendations to the ~~Board~~ Commission regarding emergency
and nonemergency medical transportation services, transport protocols, training
programs, communication systems, and other such appropriate services that significantly
influence the delivery of emergency medical services;

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(h) Establish a standing ~~committee known as the~~ EMS Review Committee ~~with~~
~~the following objectives:~~ responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the
Commission, through the County Administrator, on all new applications for Certificates of
Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic
Life Support (BLS) services and on renewal applications where a complaint has been
received against the COPCN holder during the past certificate period, in accordance with
Chapter 3½, Broward County Code of Ordinances (“Code”).

~~(1) In accordance with Chapter 3½, Broward County Code of Ordinances~~
~~(“Code”), and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, make~~

recommendations to the Board, through the County Administrator, regarding applications for (i) certificates of public convenience and necessity (COPCN) for the provision of advanced life support (ALS) or basic life support (BLS) services, or (ii) licenses for the provision of nonemergency medical transportation services effecting the delivery of such services in Broward County; and

- (2) Hold hearings, conduct investigations regarding complaints received during the previous licensing period, and take testimony in certain matters relating to violations of Chapter 3½ of the Code and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Section 2. Section 15-74 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-74. Membership; terms.

(a) *Membership.*

- (1) Members of the EMS Council shall be appointed by the ~~Board~~ Commission. The EMS Council shall consist of ~~thirty-seven (37)~~ thirty-eight (38) members. EMS Council members shall serve in accordance with the provisions of Section 1-233 of the Code, unless otherwise provided for herein.
- (2) Each County Commissioner shall ~~appoint~~ nominate one (1) member of the EMS Council.
- (3) Additionally, one (1) Broward County Commissioner shall be nominated by the Mayor.

~~(3)~~ (4) The Broward County Medical Examiner shall be a voting, ex officio member of the EMS Council and is specifically exempt from the requirements set forth in Section 1-233 of the Code, which provide for terms of appointment to advisory boards.

~~(4)~~ (5) The EMS ~~e~~Council shall submit to the ~~Board~~ Commission for consideration a nominee from each of the twenty-seven (27) categories or organizations listed below:

a. *Physicians:*

1. Emergency medicine.
2. Surgeon.
3. Public Health.
4. Pediatrician.
5. Pre-hospital Medical Director.
6. Emergency Department Director from Broward Health.
7. Emergency Department Director from Memorial Healthcare System.

b. *Hospitals:*

1. Nonprofit/Proprietary.
2. Broward Health, Administration.
3. Memorial Healthcare System, Administration.

c. *Nurses:*

Emergency room.

d. *Transport:*

- 91 1. Private ambulance.
- 92 2. Municipal fire.
- 93 3. County fire.
- 94 4. Aircraft.
- 95 e. *Advanced Life Support (ALS):*
- 96 1. Municipal Provider.
- 97 2. County Provider.
- 98 3. Private Provider.
- 99 f. *Broward Emergency Medical Services Education.*
- 100 g. *Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc.*
- 101 h. *American Red Cross, Broward County Chapter.*
- 102 i. *American Heart Association, Broward County Chapter.*
- 103 j. *Broward County Trauma Advisory Panel.*
- 104 k. *EMS Dispatch, County or Municipal.*
- 105 l. *Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM).*
- 106 m. *Law Enforcement, Union Representative.*
- 107 n. *Fire and Paramedic, Union Representative.*
- 108 ~~(5)~~ (6) The ~~Board~~ Commission may approve a nomination submitted by the EMS
- 109 Council for appointment, or the ~~Board~~ Commission may appoint another
- 110 individual who meets the criteria for serving in the particular category of
- 111 membership on the EMS Council.
- 112 ~~(6)~~ (7) Staff assistance and appropriate resources for the EMS Council shall be
- 113 provided by the Broward County Trauma Management Agency.

(b) *Terms of Members; Attendance and Removal.*

(1) The nine (9) members appointed to the EMS Council pursuant to Section 15-74(a)(2) shall serve terms in accordance with the provisions of Section 1-233 of the Code.

(2) The members appointed to the EMS Council pursuant to ~~Subsection~~ 15-74(a)(5) shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~Board~~ Commission for a term of four (4) years.

(3) EMS Council members, except for the Broward County Medical Examiner and the County Commissioner, shall be subject to the attendance, removal, and reappointment provisions in Section 1-233 of the Code. Automatic removal of a member shall cause a vacancy to exist in the membership of the EMS Council. However, the automatic removal of a member shall not be deemed effective until the member has received written notice from the County Administrator or designee of the reason for the action being taken to remove the member. In the event a member is automatically removed, the EMS Council may (i) nominate a new individual and submit the name to the ~~Board~~ Commission for consideration for appointment or (ii) recommend to the ~~Board~~ Commission that the individual be reappointed when extenuating circumstances are found to exist for the individual's absences. Thereafter, the ~~Board~~ Commission may approve the EMS Council's nomination of a new individual for appointment, reappoint the individual to the EMS Council for the remainder of the unexpired term, or appoint another

individual who meets the criteria of the particular category of membership
to be filled.

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Section 3. Section 15-77 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-77. Reports.

The EMS Council may provide the ~~Board~~ Commission with an annual report setting
forth in appropriate detail the business transacted during the year and the status of the
EMS Council at the close of the year. The EMS Council shall furnish to the ~~Board~~
Commission such additional reports and information as may be required from time to time.

Section 4. Severability.

If any portion of this Ordinance is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid
portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this
Ordinance. If any court determines that this Ordinance, in whole or in part, cannot be
legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such
determination will not affect the applicability of this Ordinance to any other individual,
group, entity, property, or circumstance.

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

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

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

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By: /s/ Adam Katzman 01/30/2026
Adam Katzman (date)
Deputy County Attorney

Coding: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions from existing text. Words underlined are additions to existing text.