

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 the Board of County Commissioners)
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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,

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

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

26 **Sec. 15-73. Objectives.**

27 The EMS Council shall have the following objectives:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

57 **Sec. 15-74. Membership; terms.**

58 (a) *Membership.*

59 (1) Members of the EMS Council shall be appointed by the ~~Board~~ Commission.

60 The EMS Council shall consist of ~~thirty-seven (37)~~ thirty-eight (38)
61 members. EMS Council members shall serve in accordance with the
62 provisions of Section 1-233 of the Code, unless otherwise provided for
63 herein.

64 (2) Each County Commissioner shall ~~appoint~~ nominate one (1) member of the
65 EMS Council.

66 (3) Additionally, one (1) Broward County Commissioner shall be nominated by
67 the Mayor.

- 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.

- 114 (b) *Terms of Members; Attendance and Removal.*
- 115 (1) The nine (9) members appointed to the EMS Council pursuant to
- 116 Section 15-74(a)(2) shall serve terms in accordance with the provisions of
- 117 Section 1-233 of the Code.
- 118 (2) The members appointed to the EMS Council pursuant to
- 119 ~~Sub~~section 15-74(a)(5) shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~Board~~ Commission
- 120 for a term of four (4) years.
- 121 (3) EMS Council members, except for the Broward County Medical Examiner
- 122 and the County Commissioner, shall be subject to the attendance, removal,
- 123 and reappointment provisions in Section 1-233 of the Code. Automatic
- 124 removal of a member shall cause a vacancy to exist in the membership of
- 125 the EMS Council. However, the automatic removal of a member shall not
- 126 be deemed effective until the member has received written notice from the
- 127 County Administrator or designee of the reason for the action being taken
- 128 to remove the member. In the event a member is automatically removed,
- 129 the EMS Council may (i) nominate a new individual and submit the name to
- 130 the ~~Board~~ Commission for consideration for appointment or (ii) recommend
- 131 to the ~~Board~~ Commission that the individual be reappointed when
- 132 extenuating circumstances are found to exist for the individual's absences.
- 133 Thereafter, the ~~Board~~ Commission may approve the EMS Council's
- 134 nomination of a new individual for appointment, reappoint the individual to
- 135 the EMS Council for the remainder of the unexpired term, or appoint another

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

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

141 **Sec. 15-77. Reports.**

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

146 Section 4. Severability.

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

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

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

159 Section 6. Effective Date.

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

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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
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