

ITEM #26

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Public Hearing

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SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT**



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 14, 2021

TO: Broward County Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Leonard Vialpando, Director *LLV*
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FROM: Philip R. McChesney, Acting Director *PRMc*
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SUBJECT: Ambulance Driver Requirements Comparison

In response to the Board’s request during discussion of Agenda Item #71 at the April 6th, 2021 Commission Meeting, the following chart compares requirements for drivers of Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support (ALS and BLS) vehicles that are issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) in the tri-county area and the State of Florida.

	Broward	Miami-Dade	Palm Beach	State of Florida
ALS	2 State-licensed Paramedics (additional requirements for emergency transport of unstable patient)	Criminal Background Check of all drivers, EMTs and paramedics	No stated driver or personnel requirements. COPCN app. requires demonstrated experience “providing the full continuum of patient care from call initiation, during patient transport and through to final patient transfer to hospital or other final destination.”	1 Certified paramedic or licensed physician and 1 Certified EMT, paramedic, or licensed physician who meets all driver requirements
BLS	1 Driver (certified EMT/paramedic or enrolled within 90 days) and 1 State-certified EMT/paramedic		1 Driver in possession of ARC or NSC standard first aid course card and ARC or AHA CPR card and 1 Patient Attendant - certified EMT, paramedic, or licensed physician	

Glossary of Acronyms: AHA – American Heart Association; ALS – Advanced Life Support; ARC – American Red Cross; BLS – Basic Life Support; CPR – Cardiopulmonary resuscitation; COPCN – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity; EMT – Emergency Medical Technician; NSC – National Safety Council

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