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

(Sponsored by Senator Steve Geller)

WHEREAS, Chapter 3½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances ("Code") requires that any person or entity that provides Advanced Life Support ("ALS") or Basic Life Support ("BLS") service within Broward County must obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from Broward County;

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida ("Board"), desires to amend the Code to add a new classification of service to transport patients arriving by air ambulance at an airport or by ship at a cruise port to a medical facility; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the amendments to the Code set forth herein are in the best interest of the residents of Broward County,

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

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 31/2-4 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		<u>b.</u>	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		<u>C.</u>	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)	Routir	ne 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	Sectio	n 3.	Section 3½-6 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby	
63	amended to read as follows:			
64	Sec 3½-6.	Appli	cations and Certificates for ALS Service and BLS Service.	
65	(a)	All po	tential EMS providers (individually referred to as "applicant" within this	
66	section) desir	ing to h	nold 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)	Applicat	ions. All applications for ALS Service and BLS Service must include		
71	the following information:				
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73	(12)	The num	nber of units that are in service, fully equipped, staffed, and operational		
74		twenty-f	our (24) hours a day; the number of units that are fully equipped, but		
75		reserved	d for emergency response; and the maximum number of units that		
76		would b	e placed in the area requested to respond to emergency calls and		
77		routine transfers;:			
78		a. A	Applicants for Class 1 - ALS rescue must identify the minimum number		
79		O	of vehicles used for the provision of ALS rescue (transport and		
80		n	ontransport) on a twenty-four (24) hour per day, seven (7) day per		
81		V	veek basis;		
82		b. A	Applicants for Class 2 - ALS transfer er, Class 5 - ALS specialty		
83		tı	ransport, or Class 7 - ALS and BLS airport or cruise port transport must		
84		ic	dentify which vehicles will be used for this type of service;		
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86	(k)	A certific	cate for ALS rescue, ALS transfer, ALS air rescue, or ALS specialty		
87		transpor	t, or ALS and BLS airport or cruise port transport granted by the Board		
88		is valid f	or the time period established by the Board <del>but</del> <u>and shall</u> not <del>to</del> exceed		
89		five (5) y	years, unless otherwise revoked, suspended, or modified.		
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91	Section	on 4. S	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				

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.

Section 6. Effective Date.

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

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

By: <u>/s/ Adam Katzman</u> 10/15/2025
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