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**City of Conway, Arkansas
Ordinance No. O-14-14**

A ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FIVE YEAR EXTENSION OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE BETWEEN THE CITIES OF CONWAY AND LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, WHICH GRANTS THE LITTLE ROCK AMBULANCE AUTHORITY ("LRAA") D/B/A METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ("MEMS") AN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE TO THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS SERVICES AND APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Little Rock Ambulance Authority d/b/a Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services ("MEMS") was awarded an exclusive franchise to provide ambulance services to the City of Conway in 2004 , and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Conway and Little Rock subsequently entered into an interlocal agreement to provide said ambulance service for a term of five (5) years, and

WHEREAS, the Conway City Council believes that it is beneficial to continue to have MEMS provide ambulance services to the City of Conway and thereby promote the health and welfare of the citizens of Conway, and

WHEREAS, the City of Conway and MEMS have agreed to negotiate a financial subsidy, if required, on an annual basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a five (5) year extension of the interlocal agreement with the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, granting MEMS an exclusive franchise to provide ambulance services (emergency and non-emergency) to the City of Conway, beginning February 5, 2014.

Section 2. The City of Conway will pay a subsidy to MEMS in 2014 in the amount of \$109,438 dollars which covers the period January 1 through December 31, 2014, to defray the cost of MEMS' delivery of ambulance service in the City.

Section 3. The City of Conway shall appropriate \$27,500 from the Fund Balance Appropriating Account (001.119.4900) to the Fire Department Other Purchased Services Account (001.131.5399) for the additional cost to cover the MEMS subsidy for the FY2014.

Section 4. For purposes of this ordinance, the term "ambulance services" shall include the transportation and care provided the critically ill or injured prior to arrival at a medical facility and within a medical facility subject to the individual approval of the medical staff and governing board of that facility, and further the transport to or from medical facilities including but not limited to hospitals, nursing homes, physician's offices, and other health care facilities, of persons who are infirm or injured and who are transported in a reclining position or who are ill but considered to be non-emergency in status and who request ambulance transportation.

Section 5. Severability. In the event any portion of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this

ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of this ordinance.

Section 6. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which are in conflict with any provision of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

APPROVED this 28th day of January, 2014.

Approved:



Mayor Tab Townsell

Attest:



Michael O. Garrett
City Clerk/Treasurer