



CITY OF PLANO COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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<input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory				
Council Meeting Date:		01/11/16		
Department:		Fire		
Department Head		Sam Greif, Fire Chief		
Agenda Coordinator (include phone #): Cynthia Morgan, Ext. 7164				
CAPTION				
<p>An Ordinance of the City of Plano, Texas, adopting a new Article IV, Section 8-20 of Chapter 8, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the City of Plano Code of Ordinances, to establish the Mobile Community Healthcare Program and authorize Plano Fire-Rescue Paramedics to provide emergency medical services by performing appropriate medical interventions to certain individuals at their residences who routinely and frequently call 9-1-1 requesting emergency medical services within the City of Plano; and providing a repealer clause, a severability clause, a savings clause, and an effective date.</p>				
FINANCIAL SUMMARY				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/> OPERATING EXPENSE <input type="checkbox"/> REVENUE <input type="checkbox"/> CIP				
FISCAL YEAR:	2015-16	Prior Year (CIP Only)	Current Year	Future Years
		0	0	0
Budget		0	0	0
Encumbered/Expended Amount		0	0	0
This Item		0	0	0
BALANCE		0	0	0
FUND(s): N/A				
COMMENTS: This item has no financial impact. STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Establishing the Mobile Community Healthcare Program relates to the City's goals of Financially Strong City with Service Excellence and Safe Large City.				
SUMMARY OF ITEM				
<p>To establish the Mobile Community Healthcare Program and authorize Plano Fire-Rescue Paramedics to provide emergency medical services by performing appropriate medical interventions to certain individuals at their residences who routinely and frequently call 9-1-1 requesting emergency medical services within the City of Plano.</p>				
List of Supporting Documents:		Other Departments, Boards, Commissions or Agencies		
Ordinance		N/A		

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WHEREAS, Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 773, as amended; Texas Occupations Code Chapter 157, as amended; and Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code Chapter 197, as amended, authorize Fire-Rescue Paramedics who are supervised by a Physician licensed to practice medicine in Texas to provide emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the City incurs significant expense related to the health emergencies of its citizens. Staff recommends establishing the Mobile Community Healthcare Program to provide emergency medical services by performing appropriate medical interventions to certain individuals at their residences who routinely and frequently call 9-1-1 requesting emergency medical services within the City of Plano; and

WHEREAS, the City's Mobile Community Healthcare Program services shall be designed to: (1) support efficient and effective emergency medical services within the City of Plano; (2) provide health education to City of Plano residents; (3) assess living environments that may be dangerous or detrimental to a citizen's health and could contribute to an emergency situation; and (4) perform emergency medical services by evaluating medical needs and providing appropriate medical interventions; and

WHEREAS, Fire-Rescue Paramedics are especially skilled at providing certain emergency medical services and many of the emergency medical services provided by Fire-Rescue Paramedics are beneficial in the transport of sick or injured persons, as well as in responding to a person's perceived need for immediate medical care; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after all things considered, deems it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Plano, to establish the Mobile Community Healthcare Program to provide emergency medical services by performing appropriate medical interventions to certain individuals at their residences who routinely and frequently call 9-1-1 requesting emergency medical services within the City of Plano.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section I. Section 8-20 of Article IV of Chapter 8, Fire Prevention and Protection, is hereby adopted to read as follows:

“Section 8-20. Mobile Community Healthcare Program:

A. Purpose: The purpose of this section is to establish the Mobile Community Healthcare Program and authorize Fire-Rescue Paramedics to provide emergency medical services by performing appropriate medical interventions to certain individuals at their residences who routinely and frequently call 9-1-1 requesting emergency medical services within the City of Plano.

B. Authority to Provide Emergency Medical Services: Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 773, as amended; Texas Occupations Code Chapter 157, as amended; and Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code Chapter 197, as amended, authorize Fire-Rescue Paramedics who are supervised by a Physician licensed to practice medicine in Texas to provide emergency medical services.

C. Mobile Community Healthcare Program:

- (1) Under the Mobile Community Healthcare Program, Fire-Rescue Paramedics who are under the supervision of a Physician licensed to practice medicine in Texas may use emergency medical services vehicles to provide emergency medical services, including immunization and vaccinations, to:
 - a. Individuals who meet criteria established by the Fire Chief, or designee; and/or
 - b. Individuals identified through a contract executed under Paragraph (4) below.
- (2) The Fire Chief, or designee, shall promulgate standard operating procedures regarding emergency medical services provided by Fire-Rescue Paramedics as part of the Mobile Community Healthcare Program.
- (3) A Physician licensed to practice medicine in Texas shall develop, implement, and revise protocols and standing delegation orders regarding emergency medical services provided by Fire-Rescue Paramedics as part of the Mobile Community Healthcare Program.
- (4) The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract or contracts on behalf of the City with any hospital within Plano city limits authorizing Fire-Rescue Paramedics, through the Mobile Community Healthcare Program, to provide emergency medical services to certain individuals who reside in the city, meet criteria established by a contract, and are designated by the contracting hospital. These contracts with hospitals must:
 - a. Require that any emergency medical services provided by Fire-Rescue Paramedics shall be provided under the supervision of the individual's treating Physician or the appropriate hospital medical staff and through the exercise of the supervising Physician's independent medical judgment;
 - b. require that the hospital develop treatment protocols for their discharged individuals receiving emergency medical services from Fire-Rescue Paramedics through the Mobile Community Healthcare Program, and that those treatment protocols are deemed by the Medical Director to be within the scope of the Fire-Rescue Paramedics' certification; and
 - c. require that any medications prescribed to individuals participating in the Mobile Community Healthcare Program will be prescribed by the individual's treating Physician or the appropriate hospital medical staff based on the prescribing Physician's relationship with the individual.

(5) Nothing in this article shall be construed to restrict a Physician from delegating administrative and technical or clinical tasks not involving the exercise of independent medical judgment to those specifically trained individuals instructed and directed by a licensed Physician who accepts responsibility for the acts of such allied health personnel. Further, nothing shall be construed to relieve the supervising Physician of the professional or legal responsibility for the care and treatment of his or her patients.”

Section II. All provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano, codified or uncodified, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and all other provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano, codified or uncodified, not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section III. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any other remaining phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance.

Section IV. The repeal of any Ordinance or part of Ordinances effectuated by the enactment of this Ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such Ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the municipality under any section or provisions at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

Section V. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED this the 11th day of January, 2016.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lisa C. Henderson, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Paige Mims, CITY ATTORNEY