

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, FINDING THAT BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRANSPORT PROVIDED BY PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES IN OLYMPIA IS INADEQUATE; THAT THE RESULTS OF THE CITY’S STUDY ON SAID ISSUE SHALL BE PUBLISHED; AND SIXTY (60)-DAY NOTICES SHALL BE ISSUED TO PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES OPERATING WITHIN OLYMPIA TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO MEET THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL STANDARDS AND REASONABLE LEVELS OF SERVICE REQUIRED

WHEREAS, the Olympia Fire Department is concerned of a degradation in private ambulance transport availability concurrent with an increase in total call volume, and its negative impact on Basic Life Support (BLS) service levels for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) resources to residents within the City of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia, by and through the Olympia Fire Department, engaged the professional services of FCS Group to study and analyze, among other issues, the adequacy of BLS transport services within the City of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, FCS Group prepared and presented its report to the Finance Committee of the Olympia City Council on April 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee found that BLS transport services within the City of Olympia were inadequate, and recommended presentation be made to the full Council of FCS Group’s report and analysis at a regularly scheduled business meeting; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2022, FCS Group and the Olympia Fire Department made a report to the full Council, outlining the negative impacts of inadequate service levels by private ambulance transport services in the City of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said study, report and analysis, the Olympia City Council finds a degradation in private ambulance transport availability has occurred; that this has happened concurrent with an increase in total call volume for BLS transport services, and that these events have had negative impacts on service levels for EMS resources in the City of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council further finds that private ambulance transport services have been delayed or unavailable to take calls for BLS transport in the City of Olympia, thus straining resources of the Olympia Fire Department and its EMS units; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council hereby wishes to publish the results of the FCS Group’s report and to give private ambulance services operating within the City of Olympia the notice required by RCW 35.21.766(2) to meet generally accepted medical standards and reasonable levels of service;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby finds that private ambulance services in the City of Olympia is inadequate and is having a negative impact on the residents of Olympia. Further, the Council finds that inadequate private ambulance transport services are having a negative impact on resources of the Olympia Fire Department and its EMS units that is unacceptable due to delays and inability to respond to calls for service.
2. The Council hereby orders the study, analysis, and report conducted by FCS Group for the City of Olympia be immediately published on the City of Olympia's webpage for review by the public, and that the report also be available upon request by printed paper copies.
3. The Olympia City Council further orders that private ambulance services in the City of Olympia be given sixty (60) days' notice to meet generally accepted medical standards and reasonable levels of service as provided in RCW 35.21.766(2), and the City Manager is directed to send this notice to all private ambulance services operating within the City of Olympia.
4. The Council also orders that sixty (60) days following the aforesaid notice to private ambulance services, the Olympia Fire Department and FCS Group after further study and determination, shall report back to the Olympia City Council in an open public meeting whether private ambulance services within the City of Olympia are meeting generally accepted medical standards and reasonable levels of service.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2022.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber
CITY ATTORNEY