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City Recorder -

Please accept this for the City Council meeting today for Public Comment.

Sincerely,

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**SALEM PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**  
Local 314 of the International Association of Fire Fighters

March 25th, 2024

*Re: Urgent Request for a **YES VOTE** on the Ambulance Operator Model for Fire Department*

Dear Mayor and Salem City Council,

I am writing to urge you to vote YES tonight to move the City forward with the ambulance operator model for the fire department. This model will improve emergency medical services in our community benefitting the residents of Salem, the ones we took an oath to protect.

The ambulance operator model can provide numerous advantages, including improved response times, enhanced patient care, increased efficiency in managing emergency calls and not to mention an increase in revenue for the EMS fund. By adopting this model, the City can ensure that residents receive timely, consistent and high-quality emergency medical assistance when needed.

Furthermore, the ambulance operator model has been successful in other communities including TVF&R (Beaverton, Tigard, Wilsonville), Eugene, Bend, Springfield, Keizer and Marion County, demonstrating its effectiveness by other public jurisdictions. By voting YES to implement this model, the Salem City Council can demonstrate its commitment to the well-being and safety of its residents along with a sustainable model that will work for years to come.

Delaying this vote could be detrimental to the successful transition from Falck Ambulance to the City of Salem. Ambulances need to be ordered, an implementation plan needs adopted, employees need to be hired, and this is just the beginning of the list. July 1st, of 2025 is just around the corner and with a FAILING partner providing this service, the time to act is now.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I sincerely hope that you will consider the benefits of the ambulance operator model and **VOTE YES TONIGHT**. Further delays will only decrease the likelihood for a smooth, successful implementation of this model in 2025.

Sincerely,

Matt Brozovich  
President - IAFF 314