

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

Under the Marion County Ambulance Service Area (ASA) plan, Marion County has designated 11 ASA's. The City of Salem has been granted an exclusive franchise to ASA No. 1, which includes the City of Salem and surrounding areas, for a five year term ending December 31, 2023. Under the terms of the ASA franchise agreement, the City is required to abide by local rules and regulations. The County's ASA plan requires each ambulance service provider to sign a mutual aid agreement with the other providers in Marion and adjoining counties.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The City recently renewed its ASA franchise agreement with the County to provide ambulance service within the City of Salem and surrounding areas for the next five years. Currently, the City provides these services through a public/private partnership contract with Falck Northwest Corporation, in conjunction with Salem Fire Department Resources.

The Mutual Aid Agreement (Attachment 1) is required of ambulance service providers in Marion County under the County's ASA plan. Renewing the Mutual Aid Agreement is necessary for the City to be in compliance with the terms of the ASA franchise agreement. The purpose of the Mutual Aid Agreement is to provide effective and efficient operation of emergency medical services in the event of disaster or numerous requests for assistance in one parties' ASA. The parties agree, during the term of their ASA franchises, to furnish personnel and equipment upon request to other parties who cannot provide effective and efficient emergency ambulance services dues to extraordinary circumstances.

The Mutual Aid Agreement allows for modification by mutual consent of the parties. The City Manager may execute amendments to the Mutual Aid Agreement if the following requirements are met:

- a. The amendments do not substantially expand the City's obligations;
- b. The amendments do not broaden the scope of the Mutual Aid Agreement to other subject matters.
- c. The amendments do not increase the City's financial obligations; and,
- d. The amendments may extend the term or renew the Mutual Aid Agreement so long as any other changes to the Agreement do not substantially expand the City's obligations.

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FIRE CHIEF

Attachments:

1. Mutual Aid Agreement