

# Council Communication

## April 21, 2015, Business Meeting

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### **Ambulance Operator's License Renewal**

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**FROM:**

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**SUMMARY**

The Ashland Municipal Code requires that all ambulance service providers in the City obtain an ambulance operator's license. This is the Fire Department's request for the renewal by Council of the Fire Department's Ambulance Operator's License per AMC 6.40.110.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Ashland Municipal Code (AMC) Chapter 6.40.110 requires ambulance service providers operating within the City of Ashland to apply annually for an ambulance operator's license. The Fire Department has provided emergency services in Ashland since 1885. From 1926 to 1936, the fire department operated the ambulance service in Ashland, and in 1936 the ambulance service was sold to Litwiller Funeral Home. The fire department obtained its first medical response vehicle (Rescue 9) through community donations in 1973, and began providing first response emergency medical services to the community. In January 1996, the City of Ashland purchased the Ashland Life Support Ambulance Company and Ashland Fire & Rescue began providing ambulance services within a 650 sq mile ambulance service area in south Jackson County, known as ASA III. Ambulance services in Oregon are regulated by county governments, and within the City of Ashland they are required to obtain an ambulance operator's license. This license is renewed on an annual basis.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The license fee is \$300 plus \$100 per ambulance, for a total of \$800. This is provided for by a line item in the department's emergency medical services budget (604160).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND REQUESTED ACTION:**

Staff recommends renewal of the Ambulance Operator's License for Ashland Fire & Rescue.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

I move approval of the application for an Ambulance Operator's License for Ashland Fire & Rescue.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Ambulance license renewal application.



**CITY OF ASHLAND  
APPLICATION FOR AMBULANCE OPERATOR LICENSE  
AMC Ch. 6. 6.40  
2015**

Applicant's Name:	CITY OF ASHLAND		
Trade Name, if any:	ASHLAND FIRE & RESCUE		
Address:	455 Siskiyou Boulevard Ashland OR 97520		
Telephone number:	(541) 482-2770		
<b>Ambulance descriptions</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Vin #</b>	<b>License #</b>
1. 1999 FORD	LIFELINE	1FDXE40F2XHA00469	EXEMPT
2. 2003 FORD	LIFELINE	1FDXF47F63EA10341	EXEMPT
3. 2006 FORD	LIFELINE	1FDXF47P06ED06467	EXEMPT
4. 2008 FORD	LIFELINE	1FDXF47R48ED90832	EXEMPT
5. 2011 FORD	LIFELINE	1FDUF4HTOBEC53861	EXEMPT

- Attach information showing that every proposed driver, attendant and driver-attendant is qualified as required in Ashland Municipal Code Chapter 6.40 and as required by the laws of the State of Oregon.
- Enclose with the application, the initial license fee of \$300 plus \$100 per ambulance.
- Enclose a performance bond in the amount of \$500,000.
- Enclose an insurance policy meeting the requirements of AMC §6.40.110.7. Attach additional pages as necessary. Explain any box not checked.

Submit your application and required enclosures to Barbara Christensen, City Recorder, City Hall, 20 East Main Street, Ashland, Oregon 97520.

I certify that each ambulance listed above is adequate and safe for the purposes for which it is to be used and that it is equipped as required by Ashland Municipal Code Chapter 6.40 and the laws of the State of Oregon.

Signature:  
Print name: Greg I. Case  
Title: Division Chief  
Date: 04-03-2015