

ORDINANCE NO. 920

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE CENTRAL CITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, PLACING THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND CONTROL OF THE EMS SYSTEM WITH THE CITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, the Central City City Council recognizes the need for comprehensive emergency medical services program in Central City, and

WHEREAS, management of emergency medical services has been historically provided by the Volunteer EMS organization and

WHEREAS, the City desires to place the operation, maintenance and control of the EMS system with the City, and

WHEREAS, state law requires the City to maintain fiscal control over the revenues generated by the property tax levy for continued emergency medical services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Central City Council of Central City, Nebraska that:

SECTION 1. A City Department to be called the Central City Emergency Medical Services Department ("CCEMS Department") is established. The purpose of this Department is to provide efficient and effective emergency medical and related services throughout Central City in compliance with state law. The CCEMS Department shall be a department of the City comprised as set forth herein. Central City shall fund City-wide emergency medical services and the expenditure of revenues collected for those purposes through this Ordinance. Central City shall make disbursements of revenues to fund the CCEMS Department and Emergency Medical Services as approved in the Budget and Management Plan established as set forth in this Ordinance.

Definitions. For the purpose of this ordinance, the words set out in this section shall have the following meanings:

Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") means medical treatment and care that may be rendered at the scene of any medical emergency or while transporting any patient in an ambulance to an appropriate medical facility, including ambulance

transportation between medical facilities.

Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Director means a person who is the appointed program director by the Mayor.

Central City Emergency Medical Services Department ("CCEMS Department") means the public Department formed under this ordinance.

Central City Ambulance Service, Inc. (CCAS) means the non-profit organization of EMS workers in Central City.

Pre-Hospital means emergency medical care or transportation rendered to patients prior to hospital admission by licensed ambulance or aid service by facilities providing level V trauma care services.

CCEMS Ambulance Director – Powers and Duties.

The CCEMS Ambulance Director shall, according to the powers, duties and procedures authorized by this ordinance (as currently enacted or as may be amended hereafter) coordinate, operate, provide and maintain those services necessary for a Citywide emergency medical services program as follows:

1. Supervise the management of the emergency medical system in Central City, appoint crew chiefs, and monitor the performance of contracts for the provision of emergency medical services.

2. Develop and recommend a budget for the year 2009 and develop and recommend a budget (and budget amendments) on an annual basis thereafter, which shall include the means of financing, for consideration and action by the City Council.

3. The City Council shall adopt a CCEMS Management Plan as recommended by the CCAS and the Ambulance director, to be updated at least every two (2) years. The Management Plan shall include standards applicable to the provision of emergency medical services in Central City, a financial plan, including the allocation of CCEMS levy funds; and a capital equipment replacement and facilities plan.

If the City Council identifies issues in the proposed CCEMS Management Plan it shall remand the CCEMS Management Plan for further consideration in light of the issues identified by the City Council. The CCAS and the Ambulance Director, upon remand, shall specifically address, in writing, the issues identified

by the City Council and resubmit the CCEMS Management Plan, with modifications, if determined appropriate, for consideration and action by the City Council. After resubmittal, the City Council shall consider the CCEMS Management Plan and adopt it as resubmitted or with modifications.

4. Maintain any records regarding the provision of emergency medical services required by state law.

5. Comply with all general laws regulating local governments as currently enacted or as may be amended.

6. Review the performance of the CCEMS Department Staff and provide that performance review information to the Mayor.

7. Additional powers and duties shall be set forth in the Ambulance Director job description as adopted by the City Council.

8. The Executive Director shall submit all invoices, payroll and requests for disbursements to the City Council for payment in accord with the procedures for approval of claims by the City Council.

Department –Budget.

The CCEMS Department will prepare an annual budget, for submission to the City Council, to be funded through revenues collected under the CCEMS levy, revenues generated from CCEMS Department operations, and other revenues as may be received by the CCEMS Department. The EMS Department's annual budget shall be processed in accord with the City's annual budgeting process and will comply with all City budgeting requirements for the coming budget year and shall minimally specify:

The annual administration costs of the CCEMS Department reasonably required to administer the CCEMS Department efficiently and properly.

The expenditure required to operate the CCEMS system (including administrative and overhead estimates, and estimated expenditures for services and other EMS Department activities).

A proposed capital expenditure budget for purchased items having a value in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

The following actions of the CCEMS Department shall require approval by the City Council:

The CCEMS Department's annual budget.

The CCEMS Management Plan.

Contracts for ambulance/EMS services.

The CCEMS Department's receipt of gifts of real property, personal property or cash.

CCEMS Department by-laws and by-law amendments.

The above list shall not limit the authority of the City Council to oversee the Department.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance, or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force, and take effect from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ___th day of ____, 2008.

CITY OF CENTRAL CITY
MERRICK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By _____
Clayton Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Rish, City Clerk

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