

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and
3 Safety Committee:

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6 **ORDINANCE 2023-560-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL
8 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; MAKING FINDINGS;
9 DECLARING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
10 REQUIRE THE TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT OF A
11 CERTIFICATE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL
12 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FROM CENTURY AMBULANCE
13 SERVICE, INC. TO RG AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.
14 D/B/A CENTURY AMBULANCE SERVICE; AUTHORIZING THE
15 DIRECTOR OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, OR
16 DESIGNEE, TO TRANSFER OR ASSIGN SAID
17 CERTIFICATE; REQUESTING ONE-CYCLE EMERGENCY
18 PASSAGE; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUED OPERATION;
19 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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21 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

22 **Section 1. Findings.** The Council finds that:

23 (a) RG Ambulance Service, Inc. d/b/a Century Ambulance Service
24 ("RG Ambulance") is a private ambulance provider currently operating
25 in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

26 (b) RG Ambulance is in the process of acquiring another private
27 ambulance service provider, Century Ambulance Service, Inc. ("Century
28 Ambulance"), which currently provides emergency medical
29 transportation services within Duval County through a Certificate of
30 Public Convenience and Necessity ("COPCN") issued by the City of
31 Jacksonville, Certificate Number 100-304-A. The anticipated closing

1 for the transaction is scheduled for September 14, 2023.

2 (c) Century Ambulance wishes to transfer Certificate Number
3 100-304-A to RG Ambulance as a part of the closing to allow RG
4 Ambulance to provide emergency medical transportation services to the
5 residents of Duval County.

6 (d) Section 158.214, *Ordinance Code*, provides that no COPCN
7 "...shall be assignable or transferable by the holder of the certificate
8 except on approval by the [City] Council."

9 (e) RG Ambulance has submitted the formal application to the
10 Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department ("JFRD") as well as the
11 required filing fee of \$2,000.00. The application is attached hereto
12 as **Exhibit 1**. JFRD has reviewed the application and has recommended
13 approval of the transfer of this Certificate.

14 (f) Continued operation of the emergency medical
15 transportation services is in the best interests of the residents of
16 the City of Jacksonville.

17 (g) The immediate transfer of Century Ambulance's Certificate
18 to RG Ambulance is necessary to allow the transition of Century
19 Ambulance emergency medical transportation services to RG Ambulance
20 and to provide uninterrupted service to the community.

21 (h) Continued operation of the emergency medical
22 transportation services by RG Ambulance from the date of transfer of
23 the Certificate to RG Ambulance is in the best interests of the
24 residents of the City.

25 **Section 2. Transfer of Certificate.** The public convenience
26 and necessity require the transfer or assignment of Century Ambulance
27 Certificate Number 100-304-A to RG Ambulance to operate the vehicle(s)
28 listed in its application for emergency medical transportation
29 services. The Director of JFRD, or his designee, is hereby authorized
30 to transfer or assign Certificate Number 100-304-A from Century
31 Ambulance to RG Ambulance.

1 **Section 3. Continued Operation.** In order to effect a
2 transition of Century Ambulance emergency medical transportation
3 services to RG Ambulance without interruption to the community,
4 Century Ambulance is authorized by the Council to continue providing
5 the emergency medical transportation services under its previous
6 Certificate Number 100-304-A until the transition to RG Ambulance is
7 complete.

8 **Section 4. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
9 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
10 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is to avoid the
11 interruption of emergency medical transportation services in Duval
12 County. The closing date for RG Ambulance to purchase Century
13 Ambulance Service is scheduled for September 14, 2023. To operate
14 within Duval County, RG Ambulance must also acquire Century
15 Ambulance's Certificate Number 100-304-A.

16 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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22 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

23 Office of General Counsel

24 Legislation Prepared By: John Sawyer

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