

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-560**

5 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
6 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; MAKING FINDINGS;  
7 DECLARING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
8 REQUIRE THE TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT OF A  
9 CERTIFICATE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
10 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FROM CENTURY AMBULANCE  
11 SERVICE, INC. TO RG AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.;  
12 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE  
13 DEPARTMENT, OR DESIGNEE, TO TRANSFER OR ASSIGN  
14 SAID CERTIFICATE; REQUESTING ONE-CYCLE  
15 EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUED  
16 OPERATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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18 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

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

20 (a) RG Ambulance Service, Inc. ("RG Ambulance") is a private  
21 ambulance provider currently operating in Miami-Dade and Broward  
22 Counties.

23 (b) RG Ambulance is in the process of acquiring another private  
24 ambulance service provider, Century Ambulance Service, Inc. ("Century  
25 Ambulance"), which currently provides emergency medical  
26 transportation services within Duval County through a Certificate of  
27 Public Convenience and Necessity ("COPCN) issued by the City of  
28 Jacksonville, Certificate Number 100-304-A. The anticipated closing  
29 for the transaction is scheduled for September 14, 2023.

30 (c) Century Ambulance wishes to transfer Certificate Number  
31 100-304-A to RG Ambulance as a part of the closing to allow RG

1 Ambulance to provide emergency medical transportation services to the  
2 residents of Duval County.

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

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

11 (f) Continued operation of the emergency medical  
12 transportation services is in the best interests of the residents of  
13 the City of Jacksonville.

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

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

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

29 **Section 3. Continued Operation.** In order to effect a  
30 transition of Century Ambulance emergency medical transportation  
31 services to RG Ambulance without interruption to the community,

1 Century Ambulance is authorized by the Council to continue providing  
2 the emergency medical transportation services under its previous  
3 Certificate Number 100-304-A until the transition to RG Ambulance is  
4 complete.

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

13 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become  
14 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
15 without the Mayor's signature.

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17 Form Approved:

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19  /s/ John Sawyer

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: John Sawyer

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