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First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 98-09

AN ORDINANCE

authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri and Boone Hospital Center relating to the Columbia Fire Department Advanced Life Support Program; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri and Boone Hospital Center relating to the Columbia Fire Department Advanced Life Support Program. The form and content of the agreement shall be substantially as set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part hereof as fully as if set forth herein verbatim.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2009.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into on this _____ day of _____, 2009, by The Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of University Hospital Center Ambulance Service, hereinafter referred to as "UHCAS," Boone Hospital Center, hereinafter referred to as "BHCAS," and the City of Columbia, hereinafter referred to as "Columbia."

The Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The Columbia Fire Department ("CFD") will continue to respond to medical calls as dispatched. UHCAS and BHCAS will continue to provide emergency and non-emergency medical ambulance services as dispatched. Upon arrival, UHCAS and BHCAS paramedics will assume patient care and CFD paramedics will assist as requested. CFD will operate under the protocols and medical control established by both UHCAS and BHCAS. When assistance is requested, CFD paramedics will only provide the requested services at the direction of the responding ambulance service paramedic. CFD paramedics will be allowed to function at the advanced life support level using equipment provided on the ambulance.
2. CFD paramedics will maintain the following certifications in order to provide assistance to responding units from UHCAS and BHCAS:
 1. Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)
 2. Cardiac Advanced Life Support (ACLS)
 3. Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS)
3. CFD paramedics who are not employed by either UHCAS or BHCAS or other ambulance service will be required to demonstrate skill at the request of both hospitals in the areas of endotracheal intubation and intravenous access. The CFD will institute a monthly ALS continuing education program for all CFD paramedics.
4. Each party shall be responsible for the actions of its employees performing duties under this agreement.
5. The terms of this agreement shall not be altered, amended, or modified except in writing and signed by all parties. This agreement may be terminated by any party upon giving 30 day advanced notice to the other parties.
6. The signers of this document warrant that they have been duly authorized to execute this agreement by their governing bodies.

7. This agreement shall be interpreted and governed in accordance with Missouri law.

8. This agreement shall take effect on _____, 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have been duly authorized to execute this contract as of the day and year first above written.

**THE CURATORS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI**

By: _____

ATTEST:

BOONE HOSPITAL CENTER

By: _____

ATTEST:

CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

By: _____
H. William Watkins, City Manager

ATTEST:

Sheela Amin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Fred Boeckmann, City Counselor

Source:
William Markgraf, *W.M.*
Fire Chief

TO: City Council
FROM: Bill Watkins, CM *B.W.*
DATE: March 17, 2009
RE: Columbia Fire Department Advanced Life Support Program

FISCAL NOTES:

City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply:	
\$0	City's current net FY cost.
\$0	Amount of Funds Already appropriated
\$0	Amount of budget amendment needed
\$0	Estimated 2 yr net costs:
\$0	One-time
\$0	Operating / On-going
Program Impact:	
N	New program/ agency (Y/N)
Y	Duplicates/expands an existing program (Y/N)
N	Fiscal impact on any local political subdivision (Y/N)
Resources Required:	
N	Requires add'l FTE personnel? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional facilities? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional capital equipment? (Y/N)
Mandates:	
N	Federal or state mandated? (Y/N)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Columbia Fire Department (CFD) has developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local ambulance services allowing CFD paramedics to provide a higher level of emergency medical support. Council approval is needed to accept the MOU.

DISCUSSION:

The Columbia Fire Department (CFD) has traditionally hired, when feasible, fire fighters who already hold paramedic licenses. While this qualification gives them advanced life support (ALS) knowledge in emergency medical response, CFD paramedics heretofore have not been allowed to function beyond the basic life support (BLS) level because CFD as an agency has been licensed only at the BLS level. CFD wishes to leverage its service to citizens by enabling the paramedics to function as ALS providers when appropriate. CFD has worked with the State of Missouri Bureau of EMS and soon will be licensed as an Emergency Medical Response Agency or EMRA, allowed to provide ALS. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with both the University Hospital Center Ambulance Service (UHCAS) and the Boone Hospital Center Ambulance Service (BHCAS) which details, in part:

"The Columbia Fire Department will continue to respond to medical calls as dispatched. UHCAS and BHCAS will continue to provide emergency and non-emergency medical ambulance services as dispatched. Upon arrival, UHCAS and BHCAS paramedics will assume patient care and CFD paramedics will assist as requested. CFD will operate under the protocols and medical control established by both UHCAS and BHCAS. When assistance is requested, CFD paramedics will only provide the requested services at the direction of the responding ambulance service paramedic. CFD paramedics will be allowed to function at the advanced life support level using equipment provided on the ambulance."

FISCAL IMPACT:

No cost is associated with this MOU as the required equipment is provided by the responding ambulance service. There will be no change in training costs, because CFD as a past practice has allowed existing paramedics to attend refresher training on-duty.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Approve the ordinance accepting the Memorandum of Understanding with University Hospital Center Ambulance Service and Boone Hospital Center Ambulance Service.