

## **ORDINANCE NO. 27**

### **PERQUIMANS COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE**

#### **Section I. State permits and County Franchise required.**

No person either as owner, agent, or otherwise, shall furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise be engaged in or profess to be engaged in the transportation of patients within the County, unless the person holds a valid permit for each ambulance used in such business or service issued by the State Department of Human Resources, Office of Emergency Medical Services, and has been granted a Franchise for the operation of such business or service by the County, pursuant to this ordinance.

#### **Section II. Exemptions from Franchise requirements.**

1. Any entity rendering assistance in the case of major catastrophe, mutual aid, or emergency with which the services by the County are insufficient or unable to cope.
2. Any entity operated from a location or headquarters outside of the County in order to transport patients who are picked up beyond the limits of the County, to facilities located within the County, or to pick up patients within the County for transporting to locations outside of the County.
3. Ambulances owned and operated by an agency of the United States Government.
4. Ambulances owned and operated by a hospital.
5. Ambulances owned and operated by Perquimans County (i.e. Perquimans County EMS, Perquimans County Rescue Squad).

#### **Section III. Application for Franchise-Contents.**

Applications for a Franchise to operate ambulances in the County shall be made by the Ambulance Provider, as prescribed by the County and shall contain:

1. The name and address of the ambulance provider and the owner of the ambulances.
2. The trade or other fictitious name, if any, under which the applicant does business, along with a certified copy of an assumed name certificate stating such name or articles of incorporation stating such name.
3. A resume of the training and experience of the applicant in the transportation and care of patients.
4. A full description of the type and level of service to be provided including the location of the places from which it is intended to operate, the manner in which the public will be able to obtain assistance, and how the vehicles will be dispatched. An annual audited financial statement of the applicant as such statement pertains to the operations in the County, shall be filed with the County within sixty (60) days following its fiscal period; such financial statement to be in such form and in such detail as may be required by the County.
5. A description of the applicant's ability to provide service; how many hours a day the service will be available; how many days a week the service will be available (the County prefers twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) day a week service) for the area covered by the Franchise applied for and an area estimate of the minimum and maximum response time for a call within such area.
6. Any information the County shall deem reasonably necessary for a fair determination of the capability of the applicant to provide ambulance services in the County, in accordance with the requirements of State laws and the provisions of this Ordinance.

#### **Section IV. Hearing.**

Upon receipt of an application for a Franchise, the County shall schedule a time and place for hearing the applicant. Within thirty (30) days after the hearing, the County shall cause such investigation as it may deem necessary to be made of the applicant and the applicant's proposed operations.

**Section V. Granting of Franchise.**

A Franchise may be granted by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners if the County finds that:

1. The applicant meets State standards outlined in this Ordinance.
2. The proposed service will fit within existing services so as not to adversely affect the level of service or operations of other services within the County.
3. A need exists for the proposed services in order to improve the level of ambulance services available to residents of the County and that this is a reasonable cost-effective manner of meeting the need.

**Section VI. Compliance with the law.**

Each Franchised Ambulance Service shall comply at all times with the requirements of this Ordinance, the Franchise granted pursuant to this Ordinance, and all applicable State and Local laws relating to health, sanitation, safety, equipment, ambulance design, and all other laws and ordinances.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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M. Shirley Wiggins, Chairman  
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

ATTESTED:

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Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board