

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 05-2021

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HASKELL, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS AND THE CITIES OF ALEXANDER, BAUXITE, BENTON, BRYANT, HASKELL, SHANNON HILLS, AND TRASKWOOD, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FROM AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER, ENTERING INTO AN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, AND OTHER PURPOSES.”

WHEREAS, the Ambulance Licensing Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 14-266-101 et seq., authorizes cities of the first class and counties to enter into interlocal cooperation agreements and franchise with emergency medical services providers for emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, Saline County, the City of Alexander, the City of Bauxite, the City of Benton, the City of Bryant, the City of Haskell, the City of Shannon Hills, and the City of Traskwood have determined that it is desirable to enter into this interlocal cooperation agreement, allowing for a more consistent emergency services response throughout Saline County, to franchise with an emergency medical services provider, and better provide for the health, safety and physical and economic welfare of the citizens and residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Haskell, Arkansas that:

Article 1. Pursuant to the Ambulance Licensing Act and Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-910, the Saline County Judge and Mayors of the Cities of Alexander, Bauxite, Benton, Bryant, Haskell, Shannon Hills, and Traskwood have the authority to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement (“Interlocal Agreement”) subject to the approval of the respective legislative bodies.

Article 2. The purpose of the Interlocal Agreement is to combine efforts for the purpose of procuring emergency medical services, to better provide for the health, safety and welfare of all citizens of Saline County. The further purpose is to ensure that there is increased consistency, transparency, and accountability with the emergency medical services (“EMS”) provider for the citizens of Saline County. An EMS governing board, a board as contemplated by Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-910, will be responsible for issuing a competitive solicitation for EMS services and assuring that the terms of any EMS franchise agreement are complied with. The combined franchise area could serve the areas of, but not be limited to, the unincorporated areas of Saline County, Arkansas and the incorporated areas of Alexander, Bauxite, Benton, Bryant, Haskell, Shannon Hills, and Traskwood, Arkansas.

Article 3. Be it further understood that this city council, by passage of this Ordinance, approves the Interlocal Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit “1”, and that the terms and conditions of Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-910 have been met and complied with. The Interlocal Agreement establishes a perpetual relationship between Saline County and the Cities of Alexander, Bauxite, Benton, Bryant, Haskell, Shannon Hills, and Traskwood, Arkansas.

Article 4. Severability – Should any word, phrase, or section of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the force and validity of the remaining portion of sections of this ordinance.

Article 5. **EMERGENCY CLAUSE** - An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

DATE: ____ __, 2021

APPROVED: _____
Roy Carman
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Hill
Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer