

RESOLUTION NO. 13654-23

A RESOLUTION GRANTING LOCAL APPROVAL FOR WESTERN-STAR HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, INC., D/B/A METRO HEALTH EMS, A PRIVATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS.

WHEREAS, Western-Star Hospital Authority, Inc., d/b/a Metro Health EMS (hereinafter, "Western-Star") a Georgia corporation authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia, is an Emergency Medical Services Agency licensed by the Virginia Department of Health to provide Ground Ambulance – ALS and Ground Ambulance – BLS services in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Western-Star currently provides emergency and non-emergency services to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in the City of Hampton, Virginia, and maintains an office in the City of Newport News; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Administrative Code regulation 12 VAC5-31-420 requires that any applicant for licensure by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services submit with its application an ordinance or resolution confirming the approval of the governing body of each locality where the agency maintains an office or stations an EMS vehicle for response; and

WHEREAS, Western-Star has requested, and the City desires to provide, local approval for Western-Star's operations from its location at 850 39th Street, Suite 203A, Newport News, Virginia 23607.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia, that:

1. Western-Star Hospital Authority, Inc., d/b/a Metro Health EMS, is hereby granted local approval to provide medical transport services within the entire geographical area of the City of Newport News, Virginia.
2. Western-Star will obtain all necessary agency license approvals from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services prior to providing any medical transport services within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Newport News, Virginia, and will remain in compliance with all applicable operational and inspection requirements while providing such services.
3. Western-Star is not authorized to respond to calls for emergency 911 services from the general public within the City of Newport News, Virginia unless requested by an authorized official of the Newport News Fire Department or through a written agreement with the City of Newport News.

4. Western-Star shall timely pay all federal, state and local taxes, shall obey all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, and shall keep its transport vehicles and medical equipment in a safe, neat, well-maintained and sanitary condition.
5. Nothing in this Resolution shall be deemed to recognize Western-Star as an integral or essential part of the official public safety program of the City of Newport News, Virginia.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON AUGUST 8, 2023

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

Phillip D. Jones
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk