

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
**HENDERSON COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** 6 September 2005

**SUBJECT:** Modification of EMS ordinance

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Draft amendment

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Henderson County EMS director Terry Layne recommends the amendment of the Henderson County Emergency Medical Services Ordinance, in two ways:

1. By adding "non-transporting vehicles" (also known as "quick response vehicles") to the definition of "ambulance" under the ordinance, so that their operation staffed by intermediate or paramedic level emergency medical technicians will require a franchise under the ordinance.
2. By adding a requirement that all franchisees comply with the Henderson County Emergency Medical Services program.

These amendments will allow the County to insure that non-transporting vehicles meet the state standards for the same, and also to insure that proper information exchange with the County and with the State (required by the County program) is assured.

**COUNTY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION/BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The County manager supports this proposal. This revision is in keeping with the Strategic Plan's initiative to review the County's Ordinance and make appropriate changes to update them.

AN ACT AMENDING THE HENDERSON COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners desires to amend the Henderson County Emergency Medical Services Ordinance, Chapter 87 of the Henderson County Code, as stated below; and,

WHEREAS, such amendment as desired would further insure the protection of Henderson County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

1. The definition of "ambulance" contained in §87-1 of the Henderson County Code is amended by deleting the same, and replacing it with the following:

Any privately or publicly owned motor vehicle, aircraft or vessel that is specially designed, constructed or modified and equipped and is intended to be used for and is maintained or operated for the transportation on the streets or highways, waterways or airways of this county of persons who are sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or helpless and that is permitted by the Department of Human Resources, Division of Facility Services, Office of Emergency Medical Services, and any vehicle meeting the definition of an "EMS Nontransporting Vehicle" under Title 10A of the North Carolina Administrative Code (currently found in 10A NCAC 13P.0109), as it may be amended from time to time.

2. §87-2.B. of the Henderson County Code is amended by deleting the same, and replacing it with the following:

No person shall operate an ambulance or drive, attend or permit a vehicle to be operated for ambulance purposes within the County of Henderson unless he or she holds a currently valid certificate as an ambulance attendant or emergency medical technician issued by the State of North Carolina.

3. §87-6.A. of the Henderson County Code is amended by adding the following sentence to the end thereof:

Each franchised ambulance service shall also comply at all times with the then-current Henderson County Emergency Services program. Each franchised ambulance service shall be provided with a copy of this program and all its requirements at the time of the grant of its franchise, and shall be provided with copies of all amendments to the program.

3. This act is effective upon adoption.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
WILLIAM L. MOYER, Chairman

Attest:

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Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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