

ORDINANCE NO. 2792

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, SECTIONS 18-90 AND 18-94 IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Grand Junction finds that an efficient Emergency Services Systems dedicated to the provision of emergency intervention to the City of Grand Junction is necessary and important, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department maintains emergency response units and personnel throughout the City, the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District and areas of Mesa County covered by mutual aid agreements, and

WHEREAS, the City desires to ensure the continued quality and availability of emergency medical response and transportation of patients who require medical care, consistent with good health and safety practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO THAT: THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 18-90. Regulations.

(1) The fire chief or his designee shall make necessary and reasonable rules and regulations covering ambulance service, ambulance equipment, ambulance personnel and dispatch standards for the effective and reasonable administration of this article. Prior to adoption, such regulations shall be submitted to the physician advisor for his comments and concurrence.

(2) The fire chief may enter into an agreement with a private ambulance service provider, to provide both emergent and non-emergent services for the City of Grand Junction for a term of five (5) years. This agreement may be renewed upon approval by the City Council.

Sec. 18-94. Personnel and equipment standards.

(a) Any ambulance driver utilized by a permittee shall be at least 18 years of age, shall be trained and competent in the proper use of all emergency ambulance equipment, shall hold current certification as an emergency medical technician B, and shall demonstrate compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

(b) The permittee shall provide a minimum of one (1) paramedic, trained and competent in current ALS paramedic techniques for each ALS equipped and staffed ambulance. Each permittee shall provide a minimum of two (2) ALS staffed and equipped ambulances twenty four hours per day, one (1) ALS equipped and staffed ambulance, and one (1) BLS equipped and staffed ambulance, twelve (12) hours per day. Each permittee shall provide and operate a minimum of one (1) backup ambulance. The backup ambulance shall be ALS equipped and shall respond in the event of mechanical failure of a primary ALS unit. The City may provide services as specified in 18-90 of this ordinance.

(c) Every ambulance driver, attendant, EMT or paramedic utilized by a permittee shall hold a certificate from the state or an otherwise accredited training program indicating successful completion of their respective training.

(d) Each person providing ambulance service subject to permit under this article shall staff each ambulance with required minimum personnel who shall wear clean uniforms, be neat and comply with the standard operating procedure requirements of this article.

(e) Each permittee providing ambulance service under this article shall provide and maintain, at its own expense, a communication system meeting the requirements of the fire chief or his designee, and the standard operating procedures manual promulgated under this article.

(f) Each permittee providing ambulance service under this article shall assign at least one person to be responsible for receiving calls and dispatching ambulances for nonemergency calls. Permittees shall provide such services on a 24-hour basis.

INTRODUCED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1994.

APPROVED ON SECOND READING THIS 4th DAY OF January, 1995.

/s/ Reford C. Theobald
President of the Council Pro

Tem

ATTEST:

/s/ Stephanie Nye
City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 2792, was introduced, read and ordered published by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, at a regular meeting of said body held on the 21st day of December, 1994, and that the same was published in The Daily Sentinel, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said City, at least ten days before its final passage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 4th day of January, 1995.

City Clerk