



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Christina Taylor, Deputy City Manager
DATE: October 4, 2022
SUBJECT: **PLAN2022-0859 Automobile for Hire Application for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Services - AMR Transportation, Inc.**

Background and Analysis:

On September 1, 2022, staff received an Automobile for Hire application for a non-medical transportation service. Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 5.28 Automobiles for Hire requires the City Council to hold a hearing and approve the request to operate.

The services provided by the applicant involve the non-emergency transport of individuals, who need to be transported for a variety of medical reasons. Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 5.28.030 Permit Application requires the following information be provided:

- A. The name and address of the applicant, and if the same is a corporation, the names of its principal officers, or if the same is a partnership, the names of the partners, with the address of each.
- B. A statement as to whether the permit is desired for a taxicab, ambulance or other classification.
- C. A description of every motor vehicle which the applicant proposes to use, giving the trade name, motor and serial numbers, and State license numbers.
- D. Body style, and seating capacity.
- E. The street number and exact location of the place or places where the applicant proposes to stand each such automobile for hire.
- F. The distinctive color scheme, name, monogram, or insignia which shall be used on such automobiles for hire.
- G. Proposed schedule of rates and fares to be charged for carrying passengers.
- H. If any proposed stand is in a public street, the application shall be accompanied by a written consent thereto of all the occupants of the ground floor of any building in front of which such vehicle is to be located, and for 25 feet each way there from, or if there is no such occupant, by the written consent thereto of the owner or lessee of such building or lot.

Staff has reviewed the application and determined the applicant has provided all of the necessary information to meet the applicable requirements in the municipal code as follows: (A) The applicant and business name and all identifying information have been provided. (B-D & F) The use is identified as non-emergency transportation and a description of the vehicle along with pictures, license plate number and registration have been provided. (G) The rates for service are set by the insurance provider paying the fee for service. Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 5.28.030 (E) and (H) do not apply.

The business will be operated as a home-based business. Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 17.11.110 Home Occupations(A)(5) allows for a home office for a service business where not more than one (1) one-ton vehicle is used for the business and kept at the property. The proposed business meets these requirements.

The requirements set forth in Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 5.28.090 Insurance Required and Chapter 5.28.100 Insurance Amount have also been met. The applicant has provided liability insurance covering the business exceeding the \$700,000 minimum requirement established in the code and has also provided a separate vehicle insurance policy.

This operation is not associated with AMR Ambulance and will not conflict with the emergency services provided by the ambulance company.

Fiscal Impact

The applicant paid \$413.16 to file this application. If approved, the applicant will be required to apply for a Home Occupation Permit, a business license and pay the associated fees. Costs associated with preparing this staff report are offset by the application fees.

Recommended Action:

Approve the application for AMR Transportation, Inc. for non-emergency medical transportation.

Attachments:

- A. Application
- B. Certificate of Liability Insurance
- C. Vehicle Photographs