

RESOLUTION NO. XX-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BREEZY POINT, MINNESOTA, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BREEZY POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) PROGRAM AS A STANDALONE PROGRAM INDEPENDENT OF NORTH MEMORIAL HEALTH AMBULANCE EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS, WHILE MAINTAINING MEDICAL DIRECTION AND PATIENT CARE GUIDELINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTH MEMORIAL HEALTH AMBULANCE

WHEREAS, the Breezy Point Police Department has been committed to providing high-quality emergency medical services (EMS) to the community since the inception of its EMS program in 2006, which has historically required police officers involved in the EMS program to also be employed by North Memorial Health Ambulance; and

WHEREAS, the dual employment requirement, while beneficial in its early stages, has now presented operational challenges, including officer availability, scheduling conflicts, and recruitment limitations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Breezy Point recognizes the need to enhance the flexibility, autonomy, and operational efficiency of its police officers and EMS program in order to better meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Breezy Point Police Department has developed a robust and professional EMS program with highly trained officers, possessing certifications in advanced life-saving techniques, which equip the department to operate an independent EMS unit; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Breezy Point has determined that establishing the Breezy Point Police Department EMS Program as a standalone entity will provide significant benefits, including improved response times, officer availability, recruitment flexibility, and a more streamlined organizational structure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Breezy Point recognizes the continued value of its long-standing partnership with North Memorial Health Ambulance, particularly in the areas of medical direction, oversight, and adherence to industry-leading patient care guidelines; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Breezy Point, Minnesota:

1. **The Breezy Point Police Department EMS Program shall hereby be established as a standalone program, effective immediately.** Officers assigned to the EMS program will no longer be required to maintain dual employment with North Memorial Health Ambulance or any other external EMS provider.
2. **The Breezy Point Police Department EMS Program** shall continue to operate under the jurisdiction and oversight of the Breezy Point Police Department, and officers will maintain all necessary EMS certifications and training in compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

3. The **Breezy Point Police Department EMS Program shall continue to operate under the medical direction of North Memorial Health Ambulance**, ensuring that all patient care provided by Breezy Point police officers adheres to North Memorial Health Ambulance's patient care guidelines and protocols.
4. The Breezy Point Police Department shall continue to review and assess the progress of the standalone Breezy Point Police Department EMS Program and make adjustments as necessary to ensure the ongoing success of the program and the safety of the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council expresses its gratitude to North Memorial Health Ambulance for its partnership and support over the years and looks forward to continued collaboration in providing medical direction, ensuring adherence to patient care guidelines, and supporting the overall mission of public safety in Breezy Point.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Breezy Point, Minnesota, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Rebecca Ball: ____

Brad Scott: ____

Steve Jensen: ____

Angel Zierden: ____

Michael Moroni: ____

Adopted this 2th Day of December 2024

Mayor Angel Zierden

Attest:

Jerry Bohnsack, Interim City Administrator