



CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action approving a resolution establishing a fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) committee to review and evaluate matters related to public safety services; and providing an effective date

DATE: June 19, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PRESENTED BY: Gregory C. Maxton, Mayor
Scott M. Huizenga, ICMA-CM, City Manager

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

The City of Fair Oaks Ranch recognizes the critical importance of maintaining responsive, high-quality fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) for its residents and businesses. As the city continues to grow and service demands evolve, there is a need for focused oversight and strategic planning in this area.

The City executed an agreement in October 2021 for Fire Protection, First Responder emergency Medical Services, and Other Emergency Responses with Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 4 (ESD4). The City also entered into an agreement with ESD4 for Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services in April 2025 after Acadian Ambulance Services terminated its agreement with the City. The agreements for both Fire and Ambulance services expire September 30, 2025.

The establishment of a Fire and EMS committee will provide a dedicated forum for evaluating operational needs, service delivery models, and interlocal partnerships to ensure sustainable and effective public safety services. The City Council is authorized to establish committees under its rules of procedure. This action is advisory in nature and does not delegate legislative authority. All recommendations of the Fire and EMS committee will be brought back to the full Council for approval.

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

The formation of this committee will allow Council Members and City staff to collaborate in-depth on issues related to fire and EMS. The committee will identify challenges, evaluate best practices, and recommend strategies that prioritize citizen safety, improve response times, and support emergency personnel. This initiative promotes transparency, community engagement, and evidence-based policy development that directly benefits residents.

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The creation of the committee does not have a direct financial impact. However, its work may lead to recommendations with future fiscal implications, such as potential capital investments, staffing considerations, or regional cooperation opportunities. Any proposed changes requiring funding will be brought to the Council for consideration as part of the budget process.

LEGAL ANALYSIS

Approved per legal.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to approve a resolution establishing a Fire and EMS committee to review, assess, and provide recommendations to the City Council regarding fire and emergency medical services.