



**NORTON SOUND
HEALTH CORPORATION**

*Providing quality health services and promoting
wellness within our people and environment.*

October 7, 2019

Attn: Nome City Council
City of Nome
PO Box 281
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Nome City Council:

Norton Sound Health Corporation really appreciates all the hard work that has gone into providing ambulance services to the community for many decades. We, like the City of Nome, are concerned about the increase in call volume that has caused a delay in response time. We have also received a letter from Kawerak voicing concerns and this has also been echoed by the Public Safety Coalition Committee over the past two months. We would like to propose a solution that will allow increased resources to be devoted to the program, while allowing the city to curb their losses.

NSHC proposes the following terms:

- 1) NSHC would become the sole, licensed provider for ambulance services for the community of Nome, with an anticipated effective date of February 1, 2020.
- 2) NSHC would negotiate and pay rent for the City of Nome's Ambulance Garage through July 1, 2020 (After July 1, 2020, NSHC will move into its new warehouse building, currently under construction).
- 3) NSHC would purchase the City of Nome's ambulance fleet at a negotiated fee.
- 4) NSHC would continue to solicit for volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians, train, and compensate with a stipend.
- 5) NSHC would create and hire two full-time positions and support a paid on-call team to manage the call volume as needed.
- 6) NSHC is willing to repurpose some of the annual subsidies paid to the City of Nome to help support the Nome Police Department.

NSHC looks forward to discussing these details with the City of Nome. I may be reached by email at agorn@nshcorp.org or by phone at 907-443-3286.

Sincerely,


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