



# City of Maricopa Fire/Medical

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Brad Pitassi Fire Chief  
THROUGH: Ben Bitters, City Manager

August 19, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Confirmation of Application for Certificate of Necessity (CON) for Ground Ambulance Services Following Substantive Review.

## BACKGROUND

On February 19, 2025, the City of Maricopa Fire/Medical Department submitted an Application for a Certificate of Necessity (CON) to the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Bureau of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Systems. This CON, if granted, will authorize the City to provide ground ambulance transport services within its jurisdiction.

As part of the statutory process, the Bureau conducted both an administrative and substantive review of the application. During substantive review, ADHS requested revisions to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements, including adjustments to the submitted ambulance revenue and cost report. The City of Maricopa CON team meets in person with the team at ADHS to review all the comments in the substantive review findings and discuss the changes and any needed clarifications. Those changes have been completed, and the City will resubmit the CON application on September 3rd for AZDHS review.

## DISCUSSION

The attached resolution reaffirms the City Council's continued support for the CON Application, including recognition of the following key points:

**Review and Revisions:** The City Manager and Council have reviewed the required revisions to the Application and find them consistent with the City's goal of improving emergency medical services for residents.

**Commitment to Service:** The City Council understands the operational and financial realities associated with ambulance transport and supports proceeding even if the service may operate at a financial loss, given the critical public safety benefit.

**Public Safety Priority:** Establishing a City-operated ambulance transport system aligns with strategic goals for enhancing community safety, improving service reliability, and ensuring response times are maintained as Maricopa continues to grow.

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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this Resolution. Approval will reaffirm Council's commitment to improving emergency medical services in Maricopa and provide the necessary support for the City's Application to move forward with the Arizona Department of Health Services CON process.

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