



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 1/17/2023

Presentations

Department: Legal & Risk

Presenter(s): Michael Frue

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Subject: Ambulance Franchise Request - Mountain Area Ground Non-Emergency Transportation (MAGNET)

Brief Summary: The County received an application for grant of convalescent ambulance franchise from Mountain Area Ground Non-Emergency Transportation, LLC ("MAGNET"). In accordance with County ordinances, County EMS and Legal met with MAGNET owners, Tony Campbell and Chris Roberts, and have made a preliminary determination that this company has the ability to provide safe, adequate and responsible service to Buncombe County.

If this Board grants a convalescent ambulance franchise to MAGNET then the State OEMS will inspect the Applicant's Premises and Equipment to determine whether it meets all requisite standards for licensing.

This service would have a marginal impact on revenues, however the savings in time will free up County ambulances for emergency responses rather than having a truck out of emergency service for several hours while engaging in a non-emergency transport.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: No action required at this time. If there is no objection, we will bring this item to the Board on January 17th.