

4. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS TO BE RECEIVED FOR FILING

- a. City of Clearwater Notice of Public Hearings regarding proposed Ordinances Nos. 8365-12 through 8367-12 amending the Annexation, Land Use Plan, and Zoning Atlas; public hearings to be held December 6, 2012.
- b. City of Largo Notice of Public Hearings to be held December 4, 2012, regarding proposed Ordinances Nos. 2013-01 through 2013-11, annexing certain property.
- c. City of Pinellas Park Notice of Public Hearing re proposed Ordinance No. 3830 held November 22, 2012, de-annexing certain property.
- d. City of Safety Harbor Resolution No. 2012-21 adopted October 15, 2012, opposing implementation of Priority Dispatch as proposed by Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority.
- e. Southwest Florida Water Management District Draft Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program for Fiscal Year 2013.

If a copy of a report or CD is desired, please check the web page of the organization/municipality or contact Board Records at 464-3465.



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Commissioner John Morroni
Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756

RE: Resolution No. 2012-21

Dear Chairman Morroni:

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. 2012-21, passed and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Safety Harbor on October 15, 2012. The Resolution is in opposition to the implementation of priority dispatch as proposed by Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Karen Sammons, CMC
City Clerk

Enclosure

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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR IN OPPOSITION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIORITY DISPATCH AS PROPOSED BY PINELLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY; NOTIFYING THE AUTHORITY THAT THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR DOES NOT CONSENT TO AN ACTION WHICH MAY EFFECT THE CITY'S STATUS AS AN EXISTING MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS SET FORTH BY LAW; REQUESTING THAT THE PINELLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY DEFER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIORITY DISPATCH AS A SIGN OF GOOD FAITH PENDING DISCUSSION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, priority dispatch governs an emergency medical services system's response to different types of service calls; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the concept of priority dispatch as a mechanism to provide an efficient response to service calls; and

WHEREAS, however, the manner in which the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority (Authority) proposes to implement priority dispatch in Pinellas County in response to service calls could result in a delay in dispatching a First Responder Unit to the citizen's emergency call; and

WHEREAS, this delay in response could significantly affect the result of treatment in life threatening situations; and

WHEREAS, the manner in which the Authority proposes to implement priority dispatch in Pinellas County in response to service calls would result in instances where the dispatch of a private ambulance to a citizen of a municipality would occur without contacting or dispatching the municipality's First Responder Unit to a citizen request for service within the City; and

WHEREAS, Laws of Florida, Chapter 80-585, as amended, recognized that no existing municipal emergency medical services (EMS) department within Pinellas County may be

abolished without the express consent of the governing body of that department; and

WHEREAS, the dispatch of only a private ambulance to service calls removes the municipal First Responder from providing service to its own citizens, thereby privatizing the response to service calls; and

WHEREAS, the dispatch of a private ambulance to a call, absent a municipality's First Responder Unit, erodes the protections for existing municipal EMS departments which are set forth in the Laws of Florida, Chapter 80-585, as amended, because a private ambulance would respond to a call without the municipal EMS department providing any service, thereby abolishing, at least in part, some of that EMS department's service; and

WHEREAS, the City opposes the dispatch of only a private ambulance to a service call when requested by a citizen of the City and the City does not consent, expressly or otherwise, to an action that could result in the abolishment, in part or in total, of the City's EMS service and their EMS department; and

WHEREAS, the City clearly does not agree with priority dispatch as proposed, and asks that the Authority defer implementation of priority dispatch, as a sign of good faith and before it is made final, until the City and Authority have discussed it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Safety Harbor, that this Commission opposes the manner in which the implementation of priority dispatch has been proposed by the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority which response could significantly affect the result of treatment in life threatening situations.

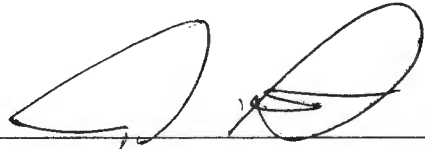
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission opposes the manner in which the implementation of priority dispatch has been proposed by the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority which would result in instances where only a private ambulance would be utilized to respond to service calls in a municipality, without contacting or dispatching the City's First Responder Unit, thereby privatizing a portion of EMS.

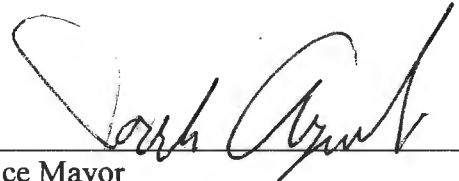
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission does not consent, expressly or otherwise, to any action by Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority that abolishes the City's EMS service or EMS department, in part or total, including the dispatch of only a private ambulance to a citizen request for service within the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission clearly does not agree with priority dispatch as proposed and asks that the Authority defer implementation of priority dispatch, as a sign of good faith and before it is made final, until the Authority and City have had the opportunity to discuss it.

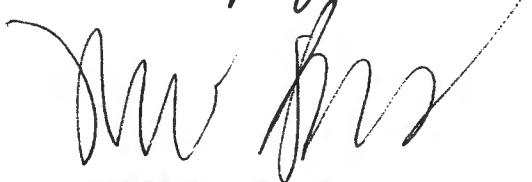
This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAFETY
HARBOR THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012



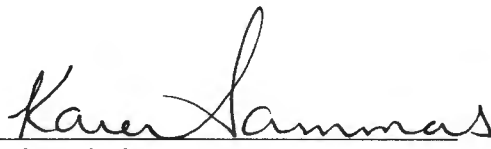
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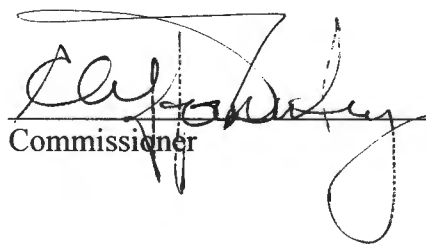
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City Clerk

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