

A RESOLUTION DECLARING MONTEZUMA COUNTY'S INTENT TO REQUIRE AMBULANCE SERVICES TO OBTAIN A 'LOCAL AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE' PRIOR TO OPERATING WITHIN THE COUNTY'S JURISDICTION

WHEREAS, ambulance services have historically been regulated by the County pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-11-107(1)(q); and

WHEREAS, SB 22-225 transfers regulatory authority to the State of Colorado and requires ambulance service providers to obtain a license from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to operate on and after July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, SB 22-225 provides that a boards of county commissioners for the “local authorizing authority in which the ambulance service operates or seeks to operate can require ambulance services operating on a regular basis within the local jurisdiction to obtain a “local authorization to operate” prior to operating; and

WHEREAS, SB 22-225 authorizes counties to establish necessary requirements that ambulance services must adhere to prior to receiving local authorization to operate; and

WHEREAS, SB 22-225 allows counties to limit the number of ambulance services that will be authorized to operate within the county's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners have a statutory duty pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-11-101(2) to provide for the public health, safety, and welfare and may adopt resolutions to effectuate that duty; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that safe and reliable ambulance services are operating in Montezuma County is paramount to providing for the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Montezuma County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners that:

1. Pursuant to SB 22-225 and the will of the Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners, ambulance services shall not be allowed to operate within Montezuma County's jurisdiction absent local authorization.
2. No more than one ambulance service may receive local authorization to operate within Montezuma County's jurisdiction at any one time.
3. In order to be considered to obtain local authorization to operate within Montezuma County's jurisdiction, ambulance services must fulfil the requirements and adhere to

the processes outlined in the "Process to obtain local authorization to operate ambulance service in Montezuma County," which is attached to this Resolution as **Exhibit A.**

4. Final local authorization for an ambulance service to operate within Montezuma County's jurisdiction must be approved by the Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners.

Approved and adopted this 25th day of June, 2024.

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**Process to obtain local authorization to operate
ambulance service in Montezuma County**

1. Montezuma County Public Health Department will provide copies of the Minimum Equipment Requirements/Checklist and Application to the agency ambulance coordinator.
2. Following completion of the forms, the Montezuma County Medical Officer performs an inspection and review of the vehicles and signs off on the form.
3. The applying agency will return the forms to Montezuma County Public Health Department for final review.
4. Once final review is complete, local authorization may be to the applying agency.

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