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Public Safety Committee
City Hall, Room 205

Re: Ambulance Service Agreement and Revisions to
Milwaukee Code of Ordinances § 75-15

Dear Committee Members:

Enclosed for your review please find a proposed agreement between the City and its ambulance providers. This agreement was created by a cooperative effort of all the parties after many long negotiating sessions over the last several months. Also, enclosed is a draft ordinance that would repeal and re-create Chapter 75-15 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances so that its provisions coordinate properly with the draft agreement. On behalf of the Fire Chief, all of the providers and this office, we respectfully request that you schedule this matter to be heard by your committee at its March 6th meeting. All of the parties to the negotiations agree and recommend that the draft ordinance and agreement be approved by your honorable committee.

Some of the highlights of the agreement are as follows:

1. The agreement will be for ten years, with a bi-annual review to allow for adjustment of the agreement to account for changes in circumstances. The City and the Providers also have the ability to end the agreement sooner, upon appropriate notice.
2. The agreement includes appropriate performance standards (including response times) for the Providers and contains an enforcement mechanism in case those standards are not met.

3. The agreement also call for a continuing quality control initiative to ensure that the system provides the highest level of service possible to the City's patients.

The agreement represents a proper balancing of the City's interests with the capabilities of the Providers. I would like to thank the Providers and their personnel, Chief Holton, Deputy Chief Murawsky Akuna, and the MFD staff for their hard work through many long days in producing a cooperative agreement that all can be proud of.

Very truly yours,



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