

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-2159

COUNCIL SPONSOR: CANULETTE/STEFANCIK PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO
ENTER NEGOTIATIONS WITH ACADIAN AMBULANCE SERVICE,
INC. FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING CONTRACT FOR
EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES
IN AREAS OF UNINCORPORATED ST. TAMMANY PARISH.**

WHEREAS, since 1997, the Parish has maintained an Ambulance Service Agreement ("Agreement") with Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. ("Acadian"), as the sole provider of emergency and non-emergency medical transportation services within certain unincorporated areas of St. Tammany Parish, all as set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the original Agreement covered the period from January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2004, inclusive of two extension periods. Thereafter, a new Contract for Emergency and Non-Emergency Ambulance Services ("Contract") was negotiated and approved for the period commencing January 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the new Contract, an extension may be granted for one (1) additional four (4) year term at the discretion of and upon the joint consent of the Parish President and the Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, the current Contract shall expire at midnight December 31, 2007 and the Parish Council has determined that Acadian has earned the opportunity to negotiate a Contract extension to commence January 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated July 18, 2007, the Quality Assurance Panel indicated its satisfaction with the quality and performance of Acadian as sole provider of emergency and non-emergency medical transportation services and its support of a Contract extension. A copy of said Resolution is attached as evidence of the QAP recommendation of a Contract extension with Acadian; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has determined it to be in the best interest of the general health and welfare of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish to retain Acadian as the sole provider of medical transportation services within the territory defined in the Contract.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that the Parish Council approves and authorizes the Parish President to enter negotiations with Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. for an extension of the existing Contract for sole provider emergency and non-emergency ambulance services within the Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms and conditions of an extension of the Contract shall be subject to concurrence of this Parish Council.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON
WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY _____, SECONDED BY _____

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2007
AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF MEMBERS BEING
PRESENT AND VOTING.

BARRY D. BAGERT, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

DIANE HUESCHEN, COUNCIL CLERK

ST. TAMMANY PARISH QUALITY ASSURANCE PANEL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH THE QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE OF ACADIAN AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. AS SOLE PROVIDER OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES UNDER THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH ST. TAMMANY PARISH.

WHEREAS, on December 12, 1996, St. Tammany Parish government entered into an Ambulance Service Agreement (Agreement) with Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. (Acadian) to be sole provider of emergency and non-emergency medical transportation services within certain areas of the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Quality Assurance Panel (QAP) was established to monitor the performance of Acadian during the initial and subsequent terms of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the original Agreement expired December 31, 2004 and the Parish entered a new Contract for Emergency and Non-Emergency Ambulance Services (Contract) for the period commencing January 1, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, from the onset of the original Agreement in 1997 and through the existing Contract to date, the QAP reviewed monthly reports relative to the quality of medical services and response times rendered by Acadian; and

WHEREAS, Acadian Ambulance Service has complied with all criterium of the Agreement/Contract and met or exceeded the standards required to fulfill the duties of the sole provider.

IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE QUALITY ASSURANCE PANEL hereby expresses satisfaction with the quality and performance of Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. as the sole provider of emergency and non-emergency medical transportation services under the former Agreement and the current Contract with St. Tammany Parish government.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE QUALITY ASSURANCE PANEL AT A MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH DAY OF JULY 2007, A QUORUM OF MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.


CHRIS CANULETTE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


DIANE HUESCHEN, QAP SECRETARY