



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Katie Jenson, Assistant Planner
DATE: December 17, 2024
SUBJECT: Consideration of PLAN2024-0130 for an Automobile for Hire Operation Permit for an ambulance service at 875 West Fourth Street located within the City of Beaumont

Description A request to operate an Automobile for Hire operation for Advantage Ambulance, Inc. located at 875 West Fourth Street in the City of Beaumont.

Background and Analysis:

On November 15, 2024, staff received a completed Automobile for Hire application (PLAN 2024-0130) for Advantage Ambulance, Inc. Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 5.28 Section 5.28.010 states that "An "automobile for hire" includes every automobile or motor-propelled vehicle by means of which passengers are transported for hire upon any public street in the City and not over a regular or defined route, irrespective of whether the operation extends beyond the boundary limits of the City or not; automobile for hire shall include taxicabs and ambulances."

Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 5.28 Section 5.28.040 Automobiles for Hire applications require the City Council to hold a hearing and approve, modify or deny the application.

The standard services provided by the applicant consist of Basic Life Support (BLS) and Critical Care Transportation (CCT). The applicant proposes to occupy a unit at 875 West Fourth Street which will be used as a crew station. Their services operate 24/7 with four (4) employees at a time on shift. The proposed rates of the standard services range from \$68-7,100 depending on the type of service provided. The applicants' rates are based on proposed additional services that include basic life support emergency, neonatal, night response, oxygen administered, and critical care. (Attachment B)

Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 5.28.030 Permit Application requires the following information be provided:

- A. The name and address of the applicant, and if the same is a corporation, the names of its principal officers, or if the same is a partnership, the names of the partners, with the address of each. (See Attachment A)
- B. A statement as to whether the permit is desired for a taxicab, ambulance or other classification. (See Attachment A)
- C. A description of every motor vehicle which the applicant proposes to use, giving the trade name, motor and serial numbers, and State license numbers. (See Attachment D)
- D. Body style, and seating capacity. (See Attachment D)
- E. The street number and exact location of the place or places where the applicant proposes to stand each such automobile for hire.
- F. The distinctive color scheme, name, monogram, or insignia which shall be used on such automobiles for hire. (See Attachment D)
- G. Proposed schedule of rates and fares to be charged for carrying passengers. (See Attachment B)
- H. If any proposed stand is in a public street, the application shall be accompanied by a written consent thereto of all the occupants of the ground floor of any building in front of which such vehicle is to be located, and for 25 feet each way there from, or if there is no such occupant, by the written consent thereto of the owner or lessee of such building or lot.

Staff has reviewed the application and determined the applicant has provided all of the necessary information to meet the applicable requirements in the municipal code as follows: (A) The applicant and business name and all identifying information have been provided in Attachment A. (B-D & F) The use is identified as an ambulance and a description of the vehicle along with pictures, license plate numbers, and vehicle identification numbers have been provided in Attachment B. (E) While the applicant will not be posted or have a 'stand' for the ambulances, the vehicles will be stationed at 875 West Fourth Street in Beaumont. (G) The rates for service are set by Medicare, Medicaid and insurance for types of service and are provided in Attachment B. Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 5.28.030 (H) does not apply.

The business will be operated at 875 West Fourth Street located in the Manufacturing zone in Beaumont. Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 17.03.120 Permitted Land Uses for Base Zone Districts allows ambulance services as a permitted use in the Manufacturing Zone. If the Auto for Hire is approved by the City Council, the applicant will be required to apply for a Certificate of Occupancy and Business License to operate at 875 West Fourth Street.

The requirements set forth in the Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 5.28.090 Insurance Required and Chapter 5.28.100 Insurance Amount have also been met. The applicant has provided liability insurance covering the business exceeding the \$700,000 minimum requirement established in the code and has also provided a separate vehicle insurance policy as shown in Attachment C.

Fiscal Impact:

Costs associated with preparing this staff report are estimated at \$750.00 and are offset by the application fees.

Recommended Action:

Hold a Public Hearing;
Approve the PLAN2024-1030 Auto for Hire Application for Advantage Ambulance, Inc. to operate in the City of Beaumont.

Attachments:

- A. Application
- B. Description and Pricing
- C. Certificate of Liability Insurance
- D. Vehicle Photographs
- E. California Levine Act Statement
- F. Public Hearing Notice