

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_, SERIES OF 2024**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS LICENSED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO TO OPERATE IN FREMONT COUNTY**

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

**WHEREAS**, County licensing and regulation was efficient and effective and afforded the citizens of Fremont County safe and reliable ambulance services; and

**WHEREAS**, SB22-225 and §25-3.5-314, C.R.S. transferred regulatory authority to the State of Colorado and require 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**, SB22-225 and §25-3.5-314, C.R.S. require ambulance service providers licensed by the State of Colorado to receive local authorization to operate within the County's jurisdiction but eliminate the County's authority to enforce the efficient and effective regulations previously enacted by the County; and

**WHEREAS**, §25-3.5-314, C.R.S. authorizes the County to adopt a resolution "*governing the authorization to operate ambulance services within the county*"; and

**WHEREAS**, the local authorization scheme established by §25-3.5-314, C.R.S. render local control largely illusory by requiring consent from ambulance service providers for the County to impose any obligations which exceed the minimum standards adopted by the state; and

**WHEREAS**, although the County may opt out of local authorization, it is the only means available to provide local oversight on behalf of the citizens of Fremont County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fremont County Board of County Commissioners is loathe to abdicate its responsibility to provide for the health and welfare of the citizens of Fremont County and entrust the same to unelected and unaccountable state level bureaucrats; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fremont County Board of County Commissioners remains committed to exercising its statutory obligation to provide for the health and welfare of our citizens to the extent permitted by the misguided legislation referenced herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR FREMONT COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:**

- a. Any ambulance service provider licensed by the State of Colorado is hereby authorized to operate on a regular basis within the County's jurisdiction.

- b. It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners for Fremont County that all ambulance service providers authorized to operate within the County's jurisdiction continue to provide services to the citizens of the County in conformity with the intent and spirit of the County regulations previously applicable.
- c. Ambulance service providers authorized to operate within the County by this resolution and special service districts within the County which provide ambulance services are encouraged to enter into memoranda of understanding regarding response and priority of response to calls for service within special districts.
- d. The County reserves the right to suspend or revoke the authorization of any ambulance service provider to operate within the County pursuant to the provisions of §25-3.5-314(5)(e).

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution, seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Debbie Bell	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kevin Grantham	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Dwayne McFall	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT

The Resolution was declared to be duly adopted.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF FREMONT COUNTY

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to the Board