

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED § 7-61-102 REGARDING MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OVER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND MEDICAL DIRECTION

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-61-102 establishes the authority of local governments to provide, maintain, and regulate ambulance, first responder and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, municipalities increasingly rely on coordinated emergency medical response involving police, fire, and emergency medical personnel, making clear medical oversight essential for effective and consistent patient care; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to TCA § 7-61-102(c) clarifies that municipalities may provide ambulance services within their corporate boundaries and may do so outside their boundaries with the approval of the appropriate governing body; and

WHEREAS, the amendment further authorizes municipalities to create the office of **Municipal Medical Director**, who shall serve as the chief medical official for all municipal first responders with respect to medical treatments, equipment and supplies used for medical care, and all medical direction necessary for effective emergency medical response; and

WHEREAS, the amendment also affirms that a municipal medical director may promulgate protocols and standing orders for emergency medical treatment within the municipality, and that—unless otherwise provided in an interlocal agreement—the municipal medical director is not subject to supervision by the county medical director; and

WHEREAS, the City Council the City of Crossville, Tennessee recognizes that these clarifications strengthen local authority, improve operational efficiency, and enhance the quality and consistency of emergency medical care provided to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crossville, Tennessee supports the ability of municipalities to enter interlocal agreements with surrounding jurisdictions to ensure coordinated, efficient, and medically sound emergency response systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE:

1. **The City of Crossville, Tn hereby expresses its full support for the proposed amendment to Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-61-102(c)** as drafted and circulated on March 12, 2024, which clarifies municipal authority regarding ambulance services and establishes the role and authority of a municipal medical director.

2. **The City affirms that the amendment enhances public safety**, strengthens local control, and promotes high-quality first responder and emergency medical care for all persons within the municipality.
3. **The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution** to the Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, the Tennessee Senate, and the local legislative delegation representing the City of Crossville.

ADOPTED THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Mayor R. J. Crawford

Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt

Council member Mike Turner

Council member James Mayberry

Council member Dr. Mark A. Fox

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk Baylee Rhea

City Attorney Randy York