

Ambulance License & Permits

September 13, 2017

Rio Grande Valley
Emergency Medical Service Providers

RE: 2018 Ambulance License and Permit applications being accepted beginning October 1, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of McAllen AMBULANCE ORDINANCE -- amended in 2011 to promote the public health, safety and welfare -- IS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2012. Ambulance Licenses and Vehicle Permits are required to conduct business in McAllen. Noncompliance with such ordinance requirements may lead to fines for first time violations of \$250 and \$500 for subsequent violations. Forms of Ambulance License and Permit Applications for 2018 are now available online at www.mcallen.net/fire or may be picked up at the McAllen Fire Department located at 201 N. 21st Street. Please follow the instructions carefully to assure that your vehicles are ready and equipped when inspection is done. Inspections will be **by appointment only and upon availability** starting **October 1, 2017** between the hours of **9am – 11am and 2pm – 3pm, Monday, Wednesday & Friday**. Please contact McAllen Fire Department at 956.681.2500 or email: mtorrero@mcallen.net to set up an appointment or for more information.

Enclosed is a copy of the 2018 City of McAllen Ambulance License and Permit Application, Appointment Request & Confirmation Forms, City of McAllen Ambulance Ordinance and City of McAllen Policies and Procedures. Copies of all forms and documents as well as meeting notices and announcements are posted and available for download at www.mcallen.net/fire. **We will not be accepting applications and/or appointments will not be scheduled on the following dates: November 20th through 24th, December 18th through January 1, 2018. We will resume our regular hours, as stated above, on January 2, 2018.** Due to the large quantity of providers and vehicles each provider has, if you choose to wait until December to schedule your inspections, there may not be any slots available before the end of the year, therefore you would need to wait until the next available date in January 2018. In that event and under section 42-80 of the Ordinance, the operation of any ambulance service or vehicle shall be prohibited until the Permit Officer verifies compliance with Ordinance requirements. Conducting business without such compliance may lead to the issuance of citations and imposition of fines. **Please note that there are no 'extensions' given at any time.** Please contact our office as soon as possible to schedule your appointment.

The City of McAllen would also like to inform you that it may submit failed inspection reports to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

**Note: Please review the enclosed documents for changes and / or updates which will be mandatory at time of application submission and there will be no exceptions.*

Sincerely,



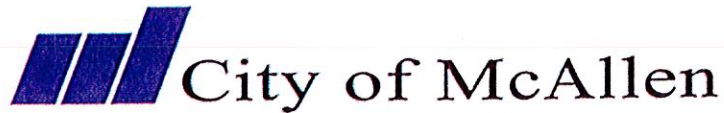
Rafael Balderas
City of McAllen Fire Chief

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Enclosures: City of McAllen Ambulance License & Permit 2018 Application
City of McAllen Ambulance Ordinance
City of McAllen Ambulance License & Permit Policies and Procedures
City of McAllen Appointment Request & Confirmation Forms



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RE: Texas Department of State Health Services Updates

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to notify you of changes and / or updates that will be implemented as of October 1, 2017 through the Ambulance licensing and permitting process. As many of you may know the **Texas Department of State Health Services has made some updates / amendments to the Texas Administrative Code Rule 157.11 effective February 12, 2017.** Therefore, as part of our inspection process we will now require that all vehicles coming in for inspection for a McAllen permit must have the following items: **(1) 2 sets of adult and 2 sets of pediatric pads, (2) a mounted, currently inspected 5 pound ABC fire extinguisher, (3) 25 triage tags.** These requirements shall be **effective as of October 1, 2017.**

Should you have any questions please contact Maria Torrero at 956-681-2500 or by email at mtorrero@mcallen.net.

Thank you,



Rafael Balderas
McAllen Fire Chief

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