

RECREATION, LIBRARIES AND AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

09-0670R

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN AMBULANCE/EMERGENCY SERVICES
TASK FORCE.

BY COUNCILORS ANDERSON AND FOSLE:

RESOLVED, that the city council shall establish an ambulance/emergency services task force. The purpose of the task force shall be to identify and define the current status of the pre-hospital emergency medical care system for Duluth and surrounding communities and make recommendations based on the best care model.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the task force shall consist of five members. All five members shall be appointed by the public safety committee of the Duluth City Council. The slate of five members must be approved by a vote of the council.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the task force shall study significant factors, applicable laws, trends and the city's history with this issue; provide the city council with an unbiased account and summary of this study; and provide the city with options as to how this issue might be addressed within the confines of state law and current pre-hospital emergency medical care requirements.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the task force shall produce a report containing its findings and recommendations. The report shall be delivered to the council by way of the clerk, after 90 days of the task forces appointment. The members shall serve without compensation. Reasonable expenses, approved by the finance director, within the existing budget, shall be paid.

Approved as to form:

Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: With the recent action by Gold Cross to close their downtown station and begin using roving ambulance service, and with the recent action of the Superior City Council looking at pre-hospital emergency medical care systems for Superior and Douglas County, the city of Duluth and the Duluth City Council should also study the current service as well as other alternatives to ensure our citizens are receiving the best service.