



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A JOINT VENTURE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AND THE COUNTY OF CRAIGHEAD, ARKANSAS WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROVIDING AMBULANCE SERVICE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO AND CRAIGHEAD COUNTY (**NOTE: THIS ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED BY ORD-94:660 ON DECEMBER 5, 1994; ORD-96:430 ON NOVEMBER 18, 1996**)

WHEREAS, the private ambulance service operators in the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas and in the County of Craighead have ceased operating such services within the City and County, and,

WHEREAS, despite diligent efforts by both city and county, no private ambulance service is in progress, and

WHEREAS, such service on a county-wide basis is necessary and essential to the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the city and county, and it is not economically feasible for either or both to operate separate services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas:

SECTION 1: There is hereby created a joint city-county emergency ambulance service to serve Jonesboro and Craighead County. The ambulance service shall be operated under the supervision of medical commissioners from both the City of Jonesboro and Craighead County as set forth herein.

SECTION 2: There is hereby created the position of three medical commissioners, to be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council, to serve on the medical ambulance board in conjunction with three county commissioners and the director of emergency services of all hospitals located in the City of Jonesboro and one representative of the Craighead County Medical Society to supervise the operation and providing of said ambulance service. The appointment of said commissioners shall be for the term of two years, provided, however, the first members appointed to said commission shall serve the terms of two, four, and six years respectively, with the term of each member to be determined by the council at his appointment. Successor members shall be appointed for the full term of two years. In the event of a vacancy occurring on said commission of city representatives, it shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor subject to approval by the City Council.

SECTION 3: The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized upon approval of the council to enter into any and all agreements with the County of Craighead and/or other qualified persons, firms, corporations, or otherwise to furnish ambulance service for the City of Jonesboro and Craighead County.

SECTION 4: Should any portion of this Ordinance be unconstitutional or invalid and so declared by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected by such partial invalidity.

SECTION 5: It is found and declared by the City Council that this ordinance being necessary for the public peace, health and safety and emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1973.