




MEMORANDUM

Date: September 14, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Albert P. Childress 
City Manager

From: Keith W. Hernandez
EMS Chief, KWFD

Subject: **Osage Ambulance Purchase**

Introduction

Staff requests a purchase exception per Section 2-797(3) of the Code of Ordinances for the cooperative purchase of one (1) 2025 Osage Warrior Ambulance for a total of \$337,334 from Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC.

Background

Currently the Key West Fire Department Emergency Services daily operations consist of three (3) frontline transport ambulances, mfg. 2020, 2019, 2017, and three (3) 2015 models used for reserve and special details. The 2015 models are close to the end of their usefulness and relied heavily on when a frontline vehicle is out for repair.

Resolution no. 22-140 was passed for the purchase of one (1) 2024 Demers ambulance and was anticipated to arrive in January 2023 to replace the 2017 as a frontline, and the older vehicle used for primary reserve and special events.

The current industry standard for delivery of an ambulance is 24-30 months, which has unfavorably pushed the arrival of our approved ambulance back to July 2024.

The proposed purchase is through the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) Cooperative Purchasing Program. Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC has a contract through the FSA program. Staff has reviewed the pricing from Ten-8 Fire & Safety and the quotes are consistent with the pricing in the FSA contract # FSA23-VEF17.0 Fire & Rescue Vehicles, Boats, and Equipment.

Procurement

An ambulance purchase was approved by Commission for FY 22/23. Total cost of ambulance is \$337,334. \$300,000 was budgeted in account Infrastructure/Surtax/EMS 101-2601-526-6400. The remaining balance of \$37,334 would be funded through a transfer from the Infrastructure Surtax Reserve 101-1900-519-9803 account.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office recommends authorizing a purchase exception in accordance with the Code of Ordinances Section 2-797(3) for the purchase of one (1) 2025 Osage Warrior Ambulance from Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC in the amount of \$337,334 and authorize any necessary budget transfers.