



Ordinance

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

ORDINANCE NO.275

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS, ARIZONA AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS BY ADDING ARTICLE 4-4 AMBULANCES; DECLARING PUBLIC PURPOSE; REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona as follows:

Section 1: The City Code of the City of San Luis, Arizona is hereby amended by adding Article 4-4 Ambulances as follows:

Section 4-4-1 Public Purpose

The City Council of the City of San Luis hereby finds and declares that the City of San Luis is a fast growing community with a population in excess of 25,000 residents; that the closest hospital and emergency care and trauma center is Yuma Regional Medical Center which is located approximately 22 miles from the municipal limits of the City of San Luis; that there are two providers of ground ambulance services to the residents of San Luis; and that effective ambulance services with appropriate response times are vital to the public health and safety of the residents of the City of San Luis. The City Council specifically finds that the distance that an ambulance must travel, and the time that an ambulance takes, to respond to an emergency has material impact on the life and safety of persons in need of transport. By this ordinance it is the intent of the City Council of the City of San Luis to establish, as a requirement for minimum health and safety of the residents of the City of San Luis, provisions for response times for ground ambulance services in the municipal limits of the City of San Luis, State of Arizona, and procedures to ensure that response times will meet the health and safety needs of the public.

Section 4-4-2 Definitions

In this Article, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) The term "Ambulance", shall mean any publicly or privately owned surface, water or air vehicle, including a helicopter, that contains a stretcher and necessary medical equipment and supplies pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2202, and that is especially designed and

constructed or modified and equipped to be used, maintained or operated primarily for the transportation of individuals who are sick, injured or wounded or who require medical monitoring or aid. Ambulance does not include a surface vehicle that is owned and operated by a private sole proprietor, partnership, private corporation or municipal corporation for the emergency transportation and in-transit care of its employees or a vehicle that is operated to accommodate an incapacitated or disabled person who does not require medical monitoring, care or treatment during transport and that is not advertised as having medical equipment and supplies or ambulance attendants.

(b) The term "Ambulance service" means a person who owns and operates one or more ambulances.

(c) The term "Dispatch" means the direction to a ground ambulance service or vehicle to respond to a call for EMS or transport.

(d) The term "EMS" means those services required following an accident or an emergency medical situation:

(i) For on-site emergency medical care.

(ii) For the transportation of the sick or injured by a licensed ground or air ambulance.

(iv) In the use of emergency communications media.

(v) In the use of emergency receiving facilities.

(vi) In administering initial care and preliminary treatment procedures by certified emergency medical technicians.

(e) The term "Ground ambulance vehicle" means a motor vehicle, defined in A.R.S. §28-101, specifically designed to transport ambulance attendants and patients on land.

(f) The term "Response time" means the difference between the time an ambulance service is notified that a need exists for immediate dispatch from either the Police Department or Fire Department of the City of San Luis, or any other county, state, or federal governmental agency, and the time the ambulance service's first ground ambulance vehicle arrives at the scene. Response time does not include the time required to identify the patient's need, the scene, and the resources necessary to meet the patient's need.

(g) The term "Scene" means the location of the patient or the closest point to the patient at which an ambulance vehicle can arrive.

(h) The term "Transport" means the conveyance of one or more patients in a ground ambulance vehicle from the point of patient pick-up to the patient's initial destination.

Section 4-4-3 Ambulance Response Time

Any ambulance service operating a ground ambulance vehicle in the municipal limits of the City of San Luis shall have response times as follows: (a) ten minutes on seventy-five percent (75%) of all ambulance calls; (b) fifteen minutes on ninety percent (90%) of all ambulance calls; and (c) thirty minutes on one hundred percent (100%) of all ambulance calls.

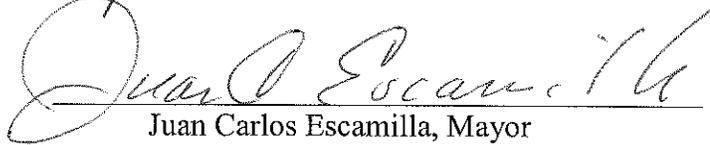
Section 4-4-4 Notification of Location of Responding Ambulance

Any ambulance service operating a ground ambulance service in the municipal limits of the City of San Luis shall inform the governmental agency, whether the Police or Fire Department of the City of San Luis, or any other county, state or federal agency, dispatching a ground ambulance service of the location of the ground ambulance vehicle that will be responding to the call for EMS or transport at the time of the direction to respond to said call.

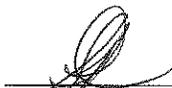
Section 2: In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Ordinance and any other ordinance, resolution, regulation, or policy of the City of San Luis, the conflicting provisions are hereby repealed, superseded, and replaced, and the provisions of this ordinance shall govern.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

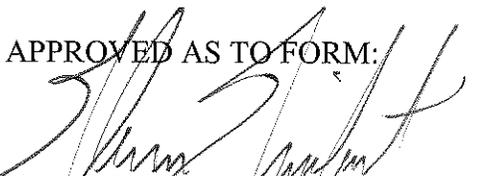
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, this 20th day of May, 2009.


Juan Carlos Escamilla, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonia Cuello, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Glenn Gimbut, City Attorney