

# Memorandum



**Date:** November 1, 2016

**To:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(37)

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

**Subject:** Neighborhood Medical Transportation, Inc. Application for 12 Certificates of Public  
Convenience and Necessity to Operate Twelve Non-Emergency Vehicles

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the application of Neighborhood Medical Transportation, Inc. for 12 Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate 12 non-emergency vehicles.

## **Scope**

These Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity are countywide, allowing the certificate holder to operate in unincorporated and incorporated areas of Miami-Dade County (County).

## **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

Licensing, operating, permit, and inspection fees are collected by the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) to support regulatory activities. There is an annual regulatory fee of \$625.00 per certificate that will yield \$7,500.00 in revenue annually for these new certificates. The County also collects \$38.00 per vehicle inspection; with inspection frequency varying with the vehicle age from one (1) to four (4) per year.

## **Track Record/Monitor**

This is a new applicant, which is in compliance with all requirements of the Code of Miami-Dade County. DTPW will be responsible for monitoring this company.

## **Background**

On December 18, 1980, the Board adopted Ordinance 80-145, later codified in Chapter 4, Article III of the County Code, providing for the regulation of non-emergency medical transportation. Section 4-44 of the County Code provides the procedures to be followed by the County in processing certificate applications. Based upon those requirements, the Board may issue or refuse to issue the certificate as applied for, or may issue the certificate with modifications or upon such terms and conditions as in its judgment the public interest may require. In reaching a determination, the Board shall consider the application, the Mayor's recommendation, all matters presented during the public hearing, and among others, the following criteria:

- (1) The ability of the applicant to provide the proposed service;
- (2) The adequacy of the management plan of the applicant; and
- (3) The benefits that will accrue to the public interest from the proposed service.

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Neighborhood Medical Transportation, Inc., located at 10616 SW 184 Terrace, Cutler Bay, Florida, 33157, seeks to obtain ten (10) Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide wheelchair non-emergency medical transportation service and two (2) Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide combination wheelchair and stretcher non-emergency medical transportation services to individuals requiring these types of transportations.

The applicant seeks to transport patients to and from various medical facilities throughout the County seven (7) days a week, 24 hours a day. Non-emergency transportation rates are not regulated by the County. However, under the Code the Certificate Holder must file their rates with DTPW and post them within the passenger compartment section of each vehicle. The proposed rate schedule is attached. The vehicles operated under these certificates will have to meet the requirements of Section 4-49 of the County Code, establishing vehicle inspection frequencies.

The management plan submitted by Mr. Luis Rodriguez, President of Neighborhood Medical Transportation, Inc., includes maintenance, communication, and recordkeeping systems which meet the requirements of the County Code. All required financial statements and credit references have been submitted. The proposed service standards meet all requirements of the County Code, and adequately meet transportation and comfort needs. A background investigation revealed no criminal record within the last five (5) years for the officer(s) of the corporation meet the criteria of the County Code.

The proposed services to be provided under this certificate will increase the availability of licensed non-emergency medical transportation in the County, thus increasing competition and high service standards to the public.



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Alina T. Hudak  
Deputy Mayor



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** November 1, 2016

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 8(N)(37)

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

11-1-16

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR 12 CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO NEIGHBORHOOD MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC. TO PROVIDE WHEELCHAIR AND COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board approves the application by Neighborhood Medical Transportation, Inc. for 12 Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate 10 non-emergency vehicles to provide wheelchair non-emergency medical transportation service and two non-emergency vehicles to provide combination wheelchair and stretcher non-emergency medical transportation service in Miami-Dade County.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Daniella Levine Cava

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Rebeca Sosa

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Gks

Gerald K. Sanchez

# Neighborhood Medical Transportatation INC

## Rate Sheet

Wheelchair	Stretcher	
\$24.00/\$48.00	\$56.00/\$112.00	One Way/Round
\$29.00/\$58.00	\$70.00/\$58.00	One Way/Round
\$34.00/\$68.00	\$84.00/\$68.00	One Way/Round
\$39.00/\$78.00	\$98.00/\$78.00	One Way/Round
\$44.00/\$88.00+	\$112.00/\$224.00+	One Way/Round
\$1.58 per additional mile.	\$2.11 per additional mile.	

Neighborhood Medical Transportation INC

10616 SW 184 TERR Cutler Bay, FL 33157

305-218-8056

SIGNATURE



PRINT NAME

Luis Rodriguez

JULY 13, 2016

TRANSIT AND MOBILITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

LEGISTAR:

ITEM:

DEPT:

DTPW – PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION REGULATORY DIVISION

SPONSORS:

TITLE:

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR TWELVE (12) CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO NEIGHBORHOOD MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC. TO PROVIDE WHEELCHAIR AND COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

SUMMARY NOTES:

RE: NEIGHBORHOOD MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC.

1. Principal is Mr. Luis Rodriguez
2. Filed application for twelve (12) Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity regulated under Article III, Chapter 4.
3. Non-Emergency Transportation rates are not regulated by Miami-Dade County; however, under the code, the Certificate Holder must file their rates with the Department of Transportation and Public Works and post them within the passenger compartment section of each vehicle at least fifteen (15) days before they become effective. Applicant is also required to notify the Department of Transportation and Public works of any rate changes prior to effective date.
4. Applicant will be a new permit holder upon approval.
5. Transportation services will be provided, seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day.
6. The applicant seeks to provide wheelchair and combination wheelchair and stretcher non-emergency medical transportation services.
7. All initial requirements for the issuance of a Certificate have been met.
8. Once approved by the Board, applicant, has ninety (90) days to meet all other requirements, including the provision of a certificate of insurance, a valid local business tax, payment of applicable fee(s), and passing required vehicle inspection.
9. Fiscal Impact: Licensing, operating permit and inspection fees are collected by the Department of Transportation and Public Works to support regulatory activities. There is an annual regulatory fee of \$625.00 per certificate that will yield \$7,500.00 in revenue annually for the new certificates. Vehicle inspections are \$38.00 per vehicle.