

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Bethel, Connecticut



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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bethel, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the CJH Municipal Center, Meeting Room "A", 1 School Street, Bethel, Connecticut, to review and receive public comments on the following proposed Ordinance:

CODE OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL, CONNECTICUT
PART I, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION
CHAPTER 22: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

§ 22-1. Commission Established; Membership; Terms; Vacancies.

A. There is hereby established the Bethel Emergency Medical Services Commission consisting of 5 members who shall serve without compensation.

B. The Commission shall be composed of the following Town officers: the First Selectman; the Town Emergency Management Director; the Town Director of Health; the Chief of the Stony Hill Fire Department, and the Chief of the Bethel Volunteer Fire Department. Each of the foregoing shall be entitled to Commission membership so long as they hold their respective offices.

C. In the event of the death, resignation, failure or refusal to serve of any Commission member, a successor shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve until such time as the position referred to in § 22-1.B. and the corresponding Commission membership shall be filled. The Board of Selectmen may remove any member for cause and may thereafter fill such vacancy or request a replacement designee from the affected fire department.

§ 22-2. Chairperson; Organization.

The First Selectman shall serve as Chairperson of the Commission. The Commission may form committees and otherwise organize itself in whatever manner it determines to best carry out its duties as set forth herein.

§ 22-3 Initial Activities; Report to the Board of Selectmen.

Upon its formation, the Commission shall expeditiously undertake a comprehensive review and analysis of the manner in which emergency medical services are furnished in Bethel by or on behalf of

the Town. During such time, the Commission will meet monthly, or more frequently as the Commission shall determine. On or before June 1, 2008, the Commission shall submit an initial report in writing to the Board of Selectmen. Such initial report shall set forth in detail the Commission's findings and recommendations, including those pertaining to the following:

- A. The efficiency, timeliness and quality of emergency medical services provided within the Town of Bethel;
- B. The structure and system by which emergency medical services are provided within the Town, including, without limitation, staffing needs;
- C. Those matters within the scope of the Commission's authority as set forth in § 22-4. below; and
- D. Immediate changes necessary to or beneficial in the delivery of emergency medical services within the Town.

Prior to the submission of its initial report, the Commission will meet monthly, or more frequently as the Commission shall determine. After the submission of its initial report, the Commission shall meet at least quarterly, and shall make a written report of its activities to the Board of Selectmen annually and such other reports as the Board of Selectmen may request from time to time.

§ 22-4. Powers and Duties.

In addition to those provided elsewhere herein, the powers and duties of the Emergency Medical Services Commission shall be as follows:

- A. To study all aspects of the delivery of emergency medical services to the people of the Town including review of relevant performance criteria and to promote improvements to said service;
- B. To report the results of such study along with its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen at such times as it deems suitable and necessary, but in no event less frequently than annually;
- C. To study the education in emergency medical services in the Town and promote improvements;
- D. To monitor the relationship between all elements of the delivery of emergency medical services and suggest ways to improve them;
- E. To advise the Board of Selectmen concerning the establishment of policy for the planning, coordination and administration of emergency medical services organizations and providers serving the Town;
- F. To coordinate the provision of emergency medical services within the Town by and between emergency medical services providers;
- G. To advise the Board of Selectmen concerning existing and proposed Town of Bethel contracts concerning the delivery of emergency medical services;
- H. To advise the Board of Selectmen concerning municipal financial support of and assistance to emergency medical services providers;

I. To maintain relations with agencies and organizations outside the Town in order to share ideas and methods and to help coordinate the delivery of emergency medical services in the Town.

J. To exercise oversight for the purpose of ensuring compliance with all federal, state and local legal requirements pertaining to the provision of emergency medical services within the Town of Bethel.

K. To formulate emergency medical services staffing plans for the Town of Bethel.

L. To receive and review copies of all legally mandated reports required to be filed by emergency medical service providers operating within the Town of Bethel;

M. To require that each emergency medical services provider immediately report to the Chairman:

(1) any motor vehicle accident involving personal injuries to patient or crew;

(2) any complaints made to the Connecticut Department of Public Health concerning such emergency medical services provider and/or any emergency medical services provided by such, and

(3) any violation of state or federal law relative to delivery of emergency medical services.

N. To require that each emergency medical services provider furnish to the Commission such information, documents and/or records as the Commission may request from time to time.

O. To review and advise the Board of Selectmen concerning any local emergency medical services plan adopted by the Town pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §19a-181b.

P. To apply for, hold and maintain any licenses and/or designations as necessary or appropriate to render or relative to the rendering of emergency medical services and/or to authorize the formation of any entities for the purpose of seeking and holding any such licenses and/or designations.

Q. To undertake such additional powers and duties as may be delegated to the Commission by the Board of Selectmen from time to time.

Dated at Bethel, Connecticut, this 18th day of March 2008.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Robert E. Burke, First Selectman
Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman
Kevin L. Cleary, Selectman