

### **Sec. 38-142. - Licenses Required**

(a) No person, either as owner, officer or medical employee shall operate, conduct, maintain or otherwise be engaged in or profess to be engaged in the business of ambulance service upon the streets, alleys, or any public way in League City, Texas unless the company holds and displays a valid and current ambulance company license from the City of League City and the ambulance vehicle to be operated holds and displays a current valid City of League City license and unless the operator holds a currently valid license to drive such a vehicle.

(b) Ambulance vehicle licenses, ambulance company licenses, and attendant-driver's licenses shall be issued for one (1) year or any part thereof during which an ambulance service is maintained. License fees of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per company; fifty dollars (\$50.00) per ambulance unit or five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per fleet for fifteen (15) or more vehicles; ten dollars (\$10.00) per attendant-driver shall be due and payable at the time of application. ~~The licensure period shall be from October 1st of each year to the 30th day of September of the subsequent year. Fees will not be prorated.~~ The licensure period shall be from February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to the 31<sup>st</sup> of January of the subsequent year. Fees will not be prorated.

(c) No person shall act as an attendant-driver on any ambulance operated under this chapter unless he or she holds a valid attendant-driver license issued pursuant to this chapter. ~~A twenty one (21) day temporary permit may be issued at the time of application for license.~~ It shall be the responsibility of the chief EMS officer to verify the applicant's certification status through the Texas Department of State Health Services.

(d) All licenses issued pursuant to this chapter are not assignable or transferable and remain the property of the city.

(e) No official entry made upon a license may be defaced, removed or obliterated.

(f) All licenses shall be available for inspection by any officer of the city at all times.

### **Sec. 38-143. - Application for Ambulance License**

(a) Application for an ambulance vehicle license and ambulance company license shall be made upon ~~a form~~ separate forms furnished by the chief EMS officer who shall issue such a license to an applicant only upon proof by the applicant that the applicant has satisfied all provisions and conditions provided for and has given complete and truthful information to all requirements stated herein.

The applications shall contain the following information:

1. Name and address of the applicant and of the owner of the ambulance;

2. The trade, **DBA** or other fictitious name, if any, under which the applicant does business or proposes to do business;
3. Be in good standing with TDSHS;
4. A report that the applicant's business has paid all city taxes if applicable;
5. Business address and medical license number of applicant services medical director;
6. A description of each ambulance, including the make, model, year of manufacture, VIN, motor vehicle registration, **and** current TDSHS license number; ~~and the color scheme, insignia, name, monogram, or other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate applicant's ambulance;~~
7. The unit number, color, scheme, insignia, name, monogram, and any other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate applicant's ambulance shall be produced by furnishing a color photo attached to the Ambulance Application and Inspection Report when submitting the permitting packet;
8. Any such other information as may be applicable.
9. No application will be considered before it is complete.
10. Falsification of information on applications will be grounds for revocation of license.

#### **Sec. 38-144. - Standards for Ambulance License**

- (a) Each ambulance shall, at all times when in use as such, be suitable for the transportation of patient from the standpoint of health, sanitation and safety.
- (b) Minimum equipment requirements for each ambulance shall be those established by the Texas Department of State Health Services **as well as a list published, and updated as needed, by League City EMS on the Ambulance Application and Inspection Report.**
- (c) When an ambulance license is issued or renewed under provisions of this chapter, the chief EMS officer ~~will~~ **shall** affix to each vehicle **up to** two (2) decals, which indicate the vehicle meets all requirements established by this chapter. The color of such decals shall be changed annually.
- (d) The Chief EMS officer shall cause all ambulances to be inspected before being ~~placed in service~~ **permitted** and shall thereafter inspect such ambulances no less than once each year **with the submission of a renewal permit application packet.** All permitted and unpermitted ambulances and or vehicles are subject to spot inspections ~~with no~~ **without** notice, **anywhere inside the city limits of the City of League City.** In the event an ambulance or vehicle fails to pass inspection or is not compliant with the city ordinance regulating the operation of privately-owned ambulances, the chief EMS officer shall notify the ambulance operator to correct the defects noted in the inspection **or become compliant with the ordinance.** ~~and.~~ **After** such notification, the chief EMS officer shall cause such ambulance to be re-inspected **or attempt to schedule an initial inspection within thirty (30), days if the company complies with the ordinance.** ~~or re-inspected within five (5) business thirty (30) days.~~ If upon such re-inspection the defects noted in the original inspection have not been corrected, the permit decal shall be removed from the ambulance or vehicle and shall only be replaced upon such ambulance or vehicle after

the defects have been corrected. The license fee shall be paid in full for the balance of current year of the original vehicle decal provided.

(e) Every ambulance must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

(f) All emergency medical calls that originate in the City of League City will be responded to by the City of League City - Emergency Medical Service. In the event that a private ambulance service receives a direct call requesting an ambulance that originates within the City of League City, it will be the duty of the private ambulance service to immediately refer the emergency medical call to the City of League City – Emergency Medical Service (EMS).

(g) Private ambulances will not run emergency traffic into the City of League City, unless they are driving through en route to an emergency call in another city or delivering a Patient to the hospital ER that did not originate in the City of League City.

(h) No ambulance that has been substantially damaged, altered, or has inoperable components that could prohibit the safe operation affecting in or around the patient compartment, shall be placed in service until it has been repaired and re-inspected by the chief EMS officer. There will be no charge for a re-inspection.

### **Sec. 38-147. - Application for Attendant-Driver License**

(a) Applications for attendant-driver licenses hereunder shall be made upon such form as may be prepared by the chief EMS officer and shall contain the following information which is a requirement for the issuance of a license:

1. The applicant's full name, current address, ~~how long he has lived at current address, previous address, how long he lived at previous address,~~ and home telephone number, ~~and social security number.~~
2. The applicant's age, date of birth, height, place of birth, hair and eye color.
3. The applicant's valid Texas driver's license number, and expiration date.
4. The applicant's present EMS certification level, appropriate Texas Department of State Health Services registration number and expiration date.
5. ~~Two (2) recent photographs of a size designated by the chief EMS officer, which shall be attached to the license application.~~ A digital photo in jpeg, or compatible format, that is a close up of the head and face of the applicant, can be submitted electronically to the chief EMS officer, or the applicant can make an appointment with the chief EMS officer to have the picture taken digitally.
6. The applicant will furnish along with the application, a legible copy, front and back, of a valid Texas driver's license and a legible copy, front and back, of the present EMS certification showing the certification number and expiration date.
7. The applicant will attach with the application, an affidavit supplied by the chief EMS officer, to be notarized and signed by the applicant's employer. The application and

affidavit must have been completed and notarized within thirty (30) days of the submission of the application.

8. Such other information as the chief EMS officer shall deem reasonably necessary to a fair determination of compliance with this chapter.

(b) The chief EMS officer shall within ~~twenty one (21) business~~ thirty (30) days of receipt of a completed application for an attendant-driver license ID card investigate the application and issue the license ID card or notify the applicant that the application is denied. No attendant-driver license ID card will be issued unless a privately-owned ambulance company has previously applied for and received a current company permit, which includes the employee on an employee roster, as well as a current ambulance permit or one that is in the process of being permitted.

#### **Sec. 38-148.-** Standards for Attendant-Driver License

(a) All attendant-driver applicants must be able to read, write and speak the English language.

(b) All attendant-drivers must have a valid Texas Driver's license. (Class A, B, or C).

(c) All attendant-drivers must hold current EMS certifications, of EMT Basic or higher, issued from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

(d) No attendant-driver shall have a final conviction for State or Federal controlled substances acts, ~~theft, robbery, State or Federal controlled substances acts, rape, sexual abuse,~~ assault, sexual assault, indecent assault, indecency with a child, aggravated assault, aggravated sexual assault, injury to a child, elderly individual or disabled individual, deadly conduct, abuse of corpse, theft, robbery or burglary.

~~(e) No attendant-driver shall have been convicted of three (3) or more moving violations within the preceding two year period.~~

#### **Sec. 38-150.** Revocation of License

(a) The chief EMS officer may, and is hereby authorized to, suspend or revoke a license issued hereunder for failure of a licensee to comply and to maintain compliance with, or for his violation of, any applicable provisions, standards or requirements of this chapter, or of regulations promulgated hereunder, or of any other applicable laws or ordinances, but only after warning and such reasonable time for compliances as may be set by the chief EMS officer. Any applicant denied a license or any licensee whose license is suspended or revoked shall have the right of appeal to the ~~Public Safety Director~~ chief EMS officer. Such appeal shall be submitted to the ~~Public Safety Director~~ chief EMS officer in writing within ten (10) days of the action being appealed. The ~~city manager~~ chief EMS officer shall, within ten (10) days after appeal is filed, consider all the evidence in support of or against the ruling appealed from and render a decision either sustaining, reversing, or modifying the determination of the chief EMS officer.

(b) If the ~~Public Safety Director's~~ chief EMS officer's decision is not acceptable to the applicant or licensee, he may within ten (10) days of that decision, file an appeal in

writing with the ~~city secretary to the city council~~ Emergency Services Director. Such a written appeal shall set forth the specific grounds therefore. The ~~city secretary~~ Emergency Services Director shall notify the appellant ~~within ten (10) days after receipt of appeal as to the time and place of the hearing by the city council, which shall be within thirty (30) days of receipt of such appeal. The determination of the city council on any appeal pursuant to this chapter shall be final~~ within ten (10) days after appeal is filed, consider all the evidence in support of or against the ruling appealed from and render a decision either sustaining, reversing, or modifying the determination of the chief EMS officer. The determination of the Emergency Services Director on any appeal pursuant to this chapter shall be final.