



STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 11, 2018

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

FROM: Kathy Davis, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Operating Authority Application from Ambiance Limousine & Transportation

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Chapter 29, City of Killeen Code of Ordinances, provides the manner by which an operating authority is granted. An operating authority is for ground transportation and taxicab services. An applicant must file an application, fee, and supporting documentation.

Ambiance Limousine & Transportation has been granted a ground transportation in the recent past and has operated in Killeen without incident. The City of Killeen was notified by the applicant's insurance company on February 1, 2018, that the automobile insurance coverage on the ground transportation vehicles was to cancel on March 1, 2018, due to non-payment of premiums. A letter was sent to Ambiance Limousine & Transportation notifying the company that as of the cancellation date of March 1, 2018, the operating authority with the City will become null and void unless they could provide proof of valid insurance coverage. The City did not hear from Ambiance Limousine in response to the letter.

On November 16, 2018, Ambiance Limousine & Transportation submitted an application, paid the required fee and supplied the proper supporting documents to be in compliance with Chapter 29 of the Code of Ordinances. The application is complete and provides for a limousine service and airport shuttle from any established pick-up point in Killeen. As indicated on the application, the company will operate three vehicles: a 2014 Chrysler Stretch Limousine with a seating capacity of 10, and two 2011 Ford E350 Vans with a seating capacity of 15 each. Operating authority permits are valid for five years with the window sticker permits expiring annually on December 31.

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Grant the operating authority to allow the applicant to provide limousine services to the citizens of Killeen, or do not grant the operating authority.

Which alternative is recommended? Why?

Staff recommends the City Council grant the operating authority to Ambiance Limousine & Transportation. The application is complete and does conform to the city's code of ordinances.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This request conforms with Chapter 29, Transportation, of the city's code of ordinances.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$300.00 application fee paid to the City of Killeen.

What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

N/A

Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?

N/A

Is this expenditure budgeted?

N/A

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends the City Council approve an Operating Authority to Ambiance Limousine & Transportation effective January 1, 2019.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

City Secretary
City Attorney

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Application