COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HELLSGATE FIRE DISTRICT

MEETING DATE: November 9, 2016

SUBMITTED BY: D. Staub

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA
APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

AMOUNT BUDGETED: $0.00

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: $0.00

EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached): Exhibit A attached, (example letter)

POSSIBLE MOTION I make a motion to have the Mayor sign a letter of support for Hellsgate Fire District's effort to obtain a CON from Arizona Department of Health Services.

Motion Against: I make a motion that the Town of Payson not issue a letter of support for Hellsgate Fire District's CON efforts.

SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE MOTION:

Hellsgate Fire District has filed an application with the Department of Health Services to be granted a Certificate of Need (the license to operate an ambulance issued by the state) to operate an ambulance service. As part of that process they are asking the Town of Payson to sign a letter of support for their efforts and to be filed with the Department of Health Services.

PROS:

CONS:

FUNDING:

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November 15, 2016

Mr. Todd Jaramillo, MHA
Ambulance Services Manager
Bureau of EMS and Trauma Services
Arizona Department of Health Services
150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 540
Phoenix, AZ. 85007

Dear Mr. Jaramillo:

The Town of Payson supports the Hellsgate Fire District dba Rim Country Fire and Medical Service Certificate of Necessity (CON) application that is under consideration by the Arizona Department of Health Services. The CON application provides for 911 and inter-facility transportation for all of Northern Gila County.

The Town of Payson, an emergency care partner, is confident Rim Country Fire and Medical Service will actively participate in regional EMS service delivery collaboration while adhering to performance measures, quality assurance standards and protocols, and will meet or exceed the standards set forth by the Bureau of EMS and the regional consortium within northern Gila County.

The Town of Payson is committed to making every effort to provide for the transport of our citizens to the appropriate facility and in accordance with all guidelines, policies and standards of care. When necessary and appropriate, The Town of Payson is confident that Rim Country Fire and Medical Service will be properly certified, accessed, and positioned to respond, as a provider of 911 and inter-facility ambulance service within northern Gila County

The Town of Payson is confident that this application is in the best interest of all citizens of Payson and in the surrounding communities in northern Gila County. By granting this CON application, 911 and inter-facility transportation services will be enhanced for all, with the addition of more available ambulances to serve of 911 and inter-facility patient care. We fully support the granting of this CON application.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kenny Evans
Mayor Town of Payson