

**IN THE QUORUM COURT OF CLARK COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-\_\_\_\_\_**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LEGISLATIVE PARAMETERS OF THE EXCLUSIVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FRANCHISE; DEFINING THE EMERGENCY OPERATING AREA TO SECURE ECONOMIC STABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Clark County Quorum Court previously authorized a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) resulting in the selection of Valor Emergency Medical Services, LLC (Valor) to provide emergency medical services within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing RFQ established the intent for a “single Firm” to operate the Emergency Operating Area (EOA), relying solely on “fee-for-service billings and collections” without a taxpayer subsidy; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 14-266-102, the Quorum Court recognizes that stripping revenue-generating services from the primary provider creates precarious financial conditions harmful to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Clark County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CLARK COUNTY, ARKANSAS:**

**ARTICLE 1. DEFINITION OF EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE PARAMETERS.** To ensure the economic viability of the no-subsidy EMS system mandated by the 2025 RFQ, the Quorum Court hereby establishes that the “Emergency Operating Area” (EOA) granted to the franchised provider shall be exclusive. This exclusivity must strictly encompass 911 emergency

responses, non-emergency Inter-Facility Transfers (IFTs) originating within the EOA, and an exclusive right to medical standbys at Special Events by Valor, or a valid third-party EMS designated by Valor.

**ARTICLE 2. AUTHORIZATION OF EXECUTIVE CONTRACTING.** The County Judge, serving as the chief executive officer, is hereby authorized to finalize and execute a Franchise Agreement with Valor Emergency Medical Services, LLC. However, to maintain compliance with the original RFQ and Arkansas law, no such Franchise Agreement shall be valid or binding upon Clark County unless it expressly contains the exclusive economic parameters defined in Article 1 of this Ordinance.

**ARTICLE 3. NO APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.** The passage of this Ordinance does not constitute an appropriation of county funds or a subsidy. Any future financial subsidy or cost-sharing arrangement shall require separate legislative action and appropriation by the Quorum Court.

**ARTICLE 4. REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision.

**ARTICLE 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.** It is hereby found and determined that the immediate establishment of a secure, economically viable EMS contract is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy Pruitt, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Troy Tucker, County Judge

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Justice: \_\_\_\_\_