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**Ref:** BFD Interlocal Agreement For ALS

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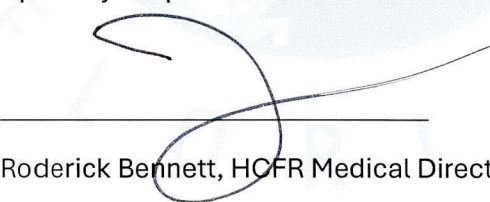
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This letter is to notify the City of Brooksville Fire Department (BFD) of the implementation of a “temporarily suspended status” as outlined in section 5.5.4 of the “Interlocal Agreement between the City of Brooksville and Hernando County Fire Rescue (HCFR) for Advanced Life Support First Response” effective immediately. This section states:

*“In the event that the City ceases providing ALS Non-transport Service without providing written notice as outlined by Section 5.5.2 (above), by their own action, at the direction/order of the State of Florida, Department of Health, EMS Division, or by direction of the HCFR Medical Director of record due to serious patient care issues, this agreement shall be automatically placed in a temporarily suspended status, concurrent with the stoppage of service and no additional ALS subsidy shall be paid, until all deficiencies can be rectified and service can be resumed. In the event that a temporary suspension exists for a period of time exceeding ninety (90) a, this agreement shall automatically be terminated.”*

This agreement was drafted over six years ago on March 4, 2019. BFD has never been able to satisfy the requirements set forth and agreed upon to become an Advanced Life Support (ALS) – Non-transport agency recognized by the State of Florida. In addition to not being recognized by the state as an ALS Non-transport service, it has been confirmed that BFD is not recognized as a Basic Life Support (BLS)-Non-transport service with the state. This was confirmed on November 7, 2024, via an email from the Florida Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight which BFD Chief Phillip Hanson was included.

After consultation with Legal Counsel, HCFR Fire Chief, HCFR Division Chief of EMS, and the HCFR Medical Director, the recommendation is to move forward with the “temporarily suspended status” to reevaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the current agreement. In the event that this “temporarily suspended status” exceeds ninety (90) days, this agreement will be terminated.

  
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