

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE,
CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING STANDARDIZATION OF
MANUFACTURER, DISPENSING WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BRAUN AMBULANCES,
AMBULANCE PARTS, MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND REPAIRS
FROM BRAUN NORTHWEST, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Glendale Fire Department utilizes Braun ambulances sold locally by Braun Northwest, and

WHEREAS, Braun Northwest, Inc. ("Braun Northwest") is the only local source from which to procure Braun ambulances, parts, maintenance services and repairs; and

WHEREAS, typically when the chassis on an ambulance reaches the end of its useful life, the entire vehicle, including the treatment module box, has to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, Braun Northwest offers a new model of ambulances that are designed as two-piece units separating the chassis from the treatment module box; and

WHEREAS, significant savings are achieved by using these two-piece units since the treatment module box could be refurbished or remounted even when the chassis reaches the end of its useful life; and

WHEREAS, Braun Northwest offers a unique lifetime warranty program on the their treatment module boxes which allows these components to be reinstalled on new chassis after their original chassis reaches their useful life resulting in savings; and

WHEREAS, Braun Northwest treatment module boxes feature hardwired electrical systems with commonly available circuit breakers, relays and switches as opposed to complex proprietary electrical systems which most of the ambulance manufacturing competitors have which allows for more uncomplicated electrical component repair and parts replacement; and

WHEREAS, Braun Northwest treatment module boxes include all welded aluminum cabinets which are the best option for compartment sterilization and overall durability and longevity versus more commonly found wood products or wood bi-products; and

WHEREAS, Braun Northwest Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances feature outer skin, roof, floor and compartments made from thick aluminum alloys and manufactured using a process which creates fewer seams; and with seams that are full length welds on the sides instead of skip welds at corners and door openings; and

WHEREAS, the Glendale Fire Department has converted nine ambulances to Braun and has three remaining and once the entire fleet is converted staff projects significant savings in replacement costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale has a policy of competitive purchasing practices wherever practicable and the purchasing policy recognizes that in some cases, there is a need for standardization on the purchase of some specialized items; and

WHEREAS, Braun ambulances allow for uncomplicated repair and parts replacement, offer significant savings due to their unique two-piece units, and Braun treatment module boxes are more durable to ensure the safety and efficiency for operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the city to dispense with competitive bidding, and to authorize the Deputy Director of Finance/Purchasing Administrator to execute purchase order contracts for ambulances, ambulance parts, maintenance services and repairs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA:

1. That the City Council hereby approves the standardization of the manufacturer of ambulances to Braun and procurement of Braun ambulances, ambulance parts, maintenance services and repairs to Braun Northwest, Inc.; to ensure safety and efficiency for the next 10 years, with the understanding that reasonable effort will be made in the purchase of such equipment, equipment parts and services to obtain competitive pricing.
2. That the determination to Braun ambulances, parts, maintenance services and repairs will be reviewed by the Public Works department and Purchasing Section at least every five years and the Public Works department will seek approval from City Council at least every ten years.
3. That Braun Northwest, Inc., is the only available distributor of Braun equipment, parts, maintenance, and repair as specified under the standardization.
4. That the foregoing facts are deemed to be true and correct and a basis for dispensing with competitive bidding and the Council hereby finds that it is in the best interests of the City to dispense with competitive bidding.

5. That the Deputy Director of Finance/Purchasing Administrator is hereby authorized to procure Braun ambulances, ambulance parts, maintenance services and repairs from Braun Northwest, Inc., as long as the budget is available.

Adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) SS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

I, Suzie Abajian, P.E., Clerk of the City of Glendale, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. _____ was adopted by the Council of the City of Glendale, California, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2023, and that same was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

City Clerk