

**ORDER FOR USE OF PURCHASING ACT DISCRETIONARY EXEMPTION
FOR CONTRACTING OF EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the power granted to commissioners court through Texas Health and Safety Code §774.003, El Paso County (the “County”) desires to enter into an agreement with Life Ambulance Services which is suitably organized to provide efficient emergency ambulance service in the County; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code §262.024(a)(2) authorizes Commissioners Court by order to exempt a contract for purchase from the requirements by §262.023 if an item is necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the county; and

WHEREAS, the County’s vast geographic size, particularly the areas beyond the City of El Paso, necessitate the County to preserve and protect County resident’s health and safety by ensuring the availability of emergency medical transport services to the nearest appropriate emergency care facility for treatment.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED THAT pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024(a)(2), El Paso County exempts from the requirements established by Texas Local Government Code Section 262.023 its contract with Life Ambulance Services for the provision of emergency ambulance services in El Paso County.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Commissioners Court.

ADOPTED AND ORDERED on the 3rd day of February, 2025, by the El Paso County Commissioners Court.

ATTEST:

THE COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

Delia Briones
County Clerk

Ricardo A. Samaniego
County Judge