

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Purchasing & Contracting Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *JCB*

FROM: John Hedges, Purchasing & Contracting Director *JH*
Bryan Crisp, Nikiski Fire Chief *JBC*

DATE: June 25, 2020

RE: Ordinance 2020-33, Authorizing the Direct Sale of a Nikiski Fire Service Area Ambulance to 1st Choice Home Health Care, Inc. Notwithstanding the Sealed Bid and Surplus Auction Provisions in KPB 2.58.500 (Mayor)

At its June 12, 2019 Nikiski Fire Service Area (NFSA) board meeting, 1st Choice Home Health Care, Inc. requested that the NFSA donate or sell at the lowest possible value a surplus ambulance for use in establishing a medical hospice program.

The ambulance in question has reached its end of useful life for the service area and is intended to be sold in the borough surplus auction at a minimum bid of \$2,000. This value was established by the borough's Purchasing and Contracting Department based on a review of prior sales of ambulances during borough auctions.

Using this ambulance to support the hospice program would provide an opportunity to relieve the need for borough fire and emergency medical service areas' EMT resources in non-emergent transportation situations.

At the June 12, 2019 NFSA board meeting, the board voted unanimously to donate or sell the ambulance at the lowest possible value to 1st Choice Home Health Care provided the NFSA is not held liable for any damages caused as a result of the transfer, repair, or use of this ambulance. Relevant portions of the NFSA minutes accompany this ordinance.

1st Choice Home Health Care has agreed to purchase the ambulance as is for a price of \$2,000.00. 1st Choice Home Health Care will also remove all service area decals and insignia prior to its use in their service.

As the borough code does not authorize the sale of property that is not surplus, an ordinance is needed to provide an exception to the requirements that surplus

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property no longer needed by the borough agencies be sold by sealed bid or at a public auction. The circumstances are unique in this situation as the borough service areas would benefit from the reduction of EMT resource demands in hospice care situations. This ordinance would authorize the sale of this ambulance to 1st Choice Home Health Care subject to the condition that they maintain and insure the ambulance, and use it for non-emergent hospice transportation in the borough.

Your approval of this ordinance is respectfully requested.