### Subject:
An ordinance to permit MEMS to conduct Basic Life Support emergency runs in non-life threatening situations pursuant to Arkansas Department of Health guidelines

### Action Required:
- √ Ordinance
- Resolution
- Approval
- Information Report

### Approved By:
Bruce T. Moore
City Manager

### SYNOPSIS
To permit MEMS to conduct a pilot program as to whether certain emergency ambulance runs can be done by Basic Life Support Service (EMT) instead of Advanced Life Support Service (Paramedic).

### FISCAL IMPACT
None.

### RECOMMENDATION
Approval of the ordinance.

### BACKGROUND
MEMS was created as an all Advanced Life Support (ALS) System which means that a Paramedic is required for each ambulance run. However, as the Federal and State Government, and insurance companies, have modified regulations that deal with reimbursement, it has been determined that there are certain non-life threatening emergency class which do not require ALS service. MEMS has developed a pilot program with the Arkansas Department of Health to review this system. The ordinance allows that pilot program to take place, requires MEMS to provide periodic reports to the City, and to develop the data to support a modification of the current ordinance requirements if that is determined to be appropriate.