

RESOLUTION
CANCELLING AGREEMENT WITH PULASKI COUNTY REGARDING EMS
March 11, 2013

WHEREAS, the 1995 Agreement between the City of Somerset and Pulaski County concerning the overseeing or management of the emergency medical services (EMS) by Somerset City Council is no longer practical or effective nor consistent with current laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Fiscal Court has openly refused to acknowledge revenue shortfall or operating deficit or the County's financial obligation to meet said shortfall and openly indicated in a Fiscal Court meeting that the contract is not valid; and

WHEREAS, the City has made known to the County on March 1, 2011, meeting with county officials in 2011, December 21, 2012, January 14, 2013, meeting with county officials on January 31, City Resolutions on February 13, 2013 (copy sent to county); Occupational Tax Ordinance on February 28, 2013 (copy provided to county) about the actual and projected financial shortfall for EMS; and

WHEREAS, the City has offered on at least two recent meetings to transfer the operation of the EMS to the County but received no response; and


WHEREAS, the Mayor has no authority to go outside city limits for EMS without an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement or basic form of Agreement; and


WHEREAS, the City Council would need to approve a Budget Amendment in addition to the emergency funds advanced to EMS by City Resolution and an identification of the source of funds for the budget amendment; and

WHEREAS, every citizen of Somerset is a resident of Pulaski County and pays double taxation for that privilege and any EMS services provided by the County must be available to every citizen of Somerset thereby giving Somerset citizens emergency services.

NOW THEREFORE, the City hereby gives a sixty (60) notice of termination of the EMS Agreement with the County and consistent with a previous Resolution authorizing securing repayment of underfunding of \$982,097 through June 30, 2012 with FY 2013 not yet determined.

IN ADDITION, the City will retain all current licenses for emergency services and reserves the right to continue, but not limited to, advanced life support (ALS), basic life support (BLS), medical transportation and other services within the city limits of Somerset as a supplement to the EMS services provided to all residents of the county.


City Clerk


Mayor