# ORDINANCE NO.: 2008-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21-169, HERNANDO COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REVISING THE TIME PERIOD FOR VALID CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND **NECESSITY FOR AMBULANCE** TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FROM TWO YEARS TO THREE YEARS: PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; DIRECTING CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN **EFFECTIVE DATE.** 

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA:** 

SECTION 1. Amending s. 21-169, Hernando County Code of Ordinances, to lengthen the life of a valid certificate of public convenience and necessity for ambulance transportation services from two years to three years; indicating deleted language by strike-through and new language by underlining, as follows:

Sec. 21-169. Form and contents.

(a) Every certificate issued under this article shall state the service territory authorized and such conditions and limitation as the board may deem necessary for protecting the public interest.

(b) The certificate and any and all renewals thereof shall be valid for a period of  $\frac{1}{100}$  three (3) years from the date thereof unless earlier suspended, revoked or terminated.

(c) The board shall review all certificates within forty-five (45) days of their expiration and, without the necessity of a public hearing, may issue renewals when such renewal is in the public convenience and necessity.

(d) Should the board determine not to renew a certificate, it shall notify the holder in writing at least within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the certificate of its intended action and the reasons for that action.

## **SECTION 2**. Severability.

It is declared to be the intent of the board of county commissioners that if any section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

#### SECTION 3. **Codification.**

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, and it is hereby provided, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of Hernando County, Florida. To this end, the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and that the work "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or other appropriate designation.

## **SECTION 4.** Effective date.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon receipt of official acknowledgment from the office of the Secretary of State of Florida that this ordinance has been filed with said office.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF** HERNANDO COUNTY in Regular Session this 3 day of June, 2008.

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