

RESOLUTION -2026

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREESTANDING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS IN MT. JULIET, TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet is one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Middle Tennessee, with continued residential and commercial development creating increased demand for public safety services, infrastructure, and accessible healthcare resources; and

WHEREAS, residents of Mt. Juliet and surrounding Middle Tennessee communities must often travel long distances to reach hospital-based emergency departments, increasing transport times during heart attacks, strokes, traumatic injuries, and other time-sensitive medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Juliet continues to experience sustained population and economic growth, requiring expanded access to emergency medical services to meet the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Ascension Saint Thomas has proposed the development of a 24-hour freestanding emergency department within the City of Mt. Juliet to expand emergency medical access for the community; and

WHEREAS, TriStar Horizon Medical Center has proposed the development of a 24-hour freestanding emergency department within the City of Mt. Juliet that would provide board-certified emergency physicians, advanced imaging, laboratory services, and full emergency medical stabilization; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of additional freestanding emergency departments within the City of Mt. Juliet would improve access to emergency medical care, reduce travel times for patients experiencing medical emergencies, and enhance the City's overall emergency response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet recognizes that expanded emergency medical access is essential to protecting public health, supporting responsible growth, and ensuring that community infrastructure keeps pace with continued development; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board of Commissioners that expanding emergency medical access within the City of Mt. Juliet represents a necessary and beneficial investment in the health, safety, and long-term vitality of the community, without preference to any individual applicant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee as follows:

Section 1. The City of Mt. Juliet formally supports the establishment of freestanding emergency departments proposed by Ascension Saint Thomas and TriStar Horizon

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Medical Center within the City of Mt. Juliet.

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners recognizes the continued growth of the City of Mt. Juliet and affirms that expanded emergency medical access within the city limits will improve access to timely emergency care, enhance emergency response capabilities, and better serve the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors.

Section 3. The Board of Commissioners acknowledges that continued residential and commercial growth in the City of Mt. Juliet necessitates corresponding expansion of healthcare infrastructure to adequately serve current and future residents.

Section 4. The Board of Commissioners respectfully urges the Tennessee Health Facilities Commission to give full and fair consideration to the certificate of need applications for freestanding emergency departments serving the Mt. Juliet community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

In case of conflict between this resolution or any part hereof, and the whole part of any existing resolution of the City, the conflicting resolution is repealed to the extent of the conflict but no further.

If any section, clause, or provision or portion of this resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, or provision or portion of this resolution.

This resolution shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED:

James Maness, Mayor

Kenny Martin, City Manager

ATTEST:

Jennifer Hamblen, CMC, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Samantha A. Burnett, City Attorney