

RESOLUTION #06-01-26-04
RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (“EMS”) AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN AND FOR MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors has the authority under Iowa Code 331.301(1) to “...exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents”; and

WHEREAS, Muscatine County seeks to provide Emergency Medical Services to all its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Muscatine County recognizes there is a need to ensure and advance the level of care, capability, and coverage of EMS in Muscatine County; and

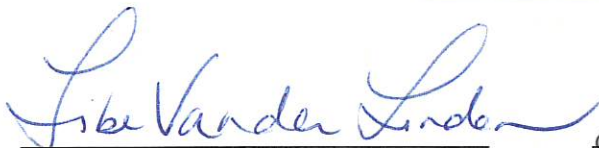
WHEREAS, on June 9, 2021, Iowa Senate File 615 was signed into law by the Governor, giving Iowa counties the capability to declare EMS an essential service for their respective county, thereby making it possible for counties to propose additional funding sources for EMS to the county’s voters at election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors, that:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is hereby declared an essential service in and for Muscatine County, Iowa, and the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors will exercise the necessary power and functions appropriate to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of Muscatine County residents and provide for an effective and efficient Muscatine County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System that allows for quality care for the persons living, working or traveling in Muscatine County. Exercising said necessary power and function includes, but is not limited to, the establishment of a Muscatine County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council and the proposition of either a local option income surtax or ad valorem property tax to fund EMS to be voted upon by Muscatine County voters.
2. If a proposition to fund EMS through either a local option surtax or ad valorem property tax, or some combination thereof, fails to receive a favorable vote by at least sixty percent of those voting on the question, this resolution shall be deemed null and void.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of June, 2026.

ATTEST:



Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor



Danny Chick, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors