

CITY OF SEGUIN

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE SEGUIN CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE SEGUIN CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE III, FIRE/EMS, BY ADDING SECTION 50-58, MEDICAL DIRECTOR; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO PREPARE THIS ORDINANCE FOR SUBMISSION AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**WHEREAS**, in the operation of its EMS Service the City is required to hire a medical director to oversee the medical and trauma care offered by City paramedics; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998 the City passed Ordinance 98-58 establishing the appointment of a medical director; and

**WHEREAS**, parts of ordinance 98-58 are not workable; and

**WHEREAS**, amending the City Code of Ordinances to include the provisions for a medical director provide for better organization of the department.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Seguin, Texas:**

**SECTION ONE.** Ordinance Number 98-58 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION TWO.** Article III, Fire/EMS of Chapter 50, Fire Prevention and Detection is amended by adding the following new section:

**50-58 Medical Director**

1. The medical director shall report to the City Manager and shall be independent of all other City departments.
2. The medical director must be a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Texas with a minimum of five (5) years direct emergency medical experience. The medical director shall be appointed by the City Manager, with approval of the City Council, to serve a five year term and may be reappointed by the City Manager to successive five year terms.

3. The medical director shall be responsible for overseeing the medical and trauma care provided by paramedics and other emergency medical personnel of the City of Seguin. The medical director may also make recommendations concerning the non-medical and procedural aspects of emergency medical service operations which are viewed as impacting the delivery of emergency health care services. The medical director shall not be involved with employee discipline or grievance matters.

**SECTION TWO.** If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this ordinance will continue in force if they can be given effect without the invalid portion.

**SECTION THREE.** All ordinances and resolution or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

**SECTION FOUR.** City staff is authorized to prepare this Ordinance for submission as a supplement to the Seguin Code of Ordinances.

**SECTION FIVE.** This ordinance shall be effective upon ten (10) days following passage on second reading.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on first reading on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2012.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on second reading on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2012.

  
BETTY ANN MATTHIES  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Thalia Patlan Stautzenberger  
City Secretary

