



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO: 2023- 10

A RESOLUTION AMENDING GUNNISON COUNTY AMBULANCE
LICENSING REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 2018-13

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado ("Board") pursuant to the authority granted in the *Colorado Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Act*, Colo. Rev. Stat. § 25-3.5-101, *et seq.*, as amended, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division; *Emergency Medical Services Rules*, 6 CCR 1015-3, as amended, has the ability to set standards for the regulation of Ambulance Services and is authorized to adopt Gunnison County Ambulance Licensing Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board has enacted Resolution 2018-13, a Resolution Adopting Gunnison County Ambulance Licensing Regulations and Repealing Previous Resolutions Pertaining to the Same; and

WHEREAS, the Board, with the input and advice of local city officials and emergency response agencies, have addressed and considered those factors that will have the best chance of improving outcomes for individuals who are sick, injured, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that ongoing coordination and collaboration with local emergency response agencies and others will lead to improvements in medical care, response times, quality, and oversight; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it to be in the best interest of citizens of and visitors to Gunnison County to amend the *Gunnison County Ambulance Licensing Regulations* to improve ambulance response times; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that establishing an ambulance service area ("ASA"), coupled with continuing coordination with other ambulance service providers licensed in the county or under existing mutual aid agreements, will benefit the public and provide citizens throughout Gunnison County Countyline-to-Countyline coverage of Emergency Medical Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board, that in order to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare, and in accordance with the law, Gunnison County Ambulance Licensing Regulations, as adopted by Resolution 2018-13, shall be amended as follows:

1. Appendix A, Section A, Definitions is hereby amended to include the following Subsection 2A:



2A: Ambulance Service Area (ASA):

- a. A geographic area within Gunnison County assigned by the Board to an Ambulance Transport Agency.
 - b. Establishing of any ASA will be based on the following criteria:
 - i. The overall advantage to the EMS system in terms of ensuring quality and cost performance.
 - ii. The economic impact and economic viability of the countywide EMS system.
 - iii. The ability to gain economies of both scale and scope for agencies providing services in the county.
 - iv. The incremental cost and complexity of providing medical and regulatory oversight.
 - v. Establishing protocols to reduce unnecessary travel by Ambulance Transport Agencies licensed in Gunnison County.
 - c. Ambulance Service Area Boundary Changes. At any time, the Board may change the boundaries of an existing ASA, or create other ASAs, or incorporate or remove non-emergency services in ASAs in order to provide for the effective and efficient provision of Emergency Medical Services.
 - d. Prior to making changes to ASA boundaries, the Board shall receive advice and comment from the Ambulance Transport Agen(ies) affected or claimed to be affected by the change, the EMS Council, the Department, and the EMSMD.
 - e. If local city or special district boundaries change through annexation or exclusion, the Board may authorize a change to the ASA boundary.
 - f. The Board shall consider impacts on other service providers and on the public prior to making boundary changes.
 - g. A provider serving an ASA may request a boundary change from the Board if serving the ASA within the existing boundary creates an economic or operational hardship on the provider.
2. Appendix A, Section B, Regulations is hereby amended to add the following new Section 1A:



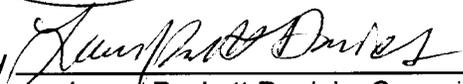
1A. Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics Ambulance Service Area

- a. The Board establishes Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics Ambulance Service Area (ASA). A map of the ASA is attached as Exhibit A.
- b. Notwithstanding any Licensee's authorization to operate within Gunnison County, Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics, an Ambulance Transport Agency licensed by Gunnison County ("GVH EMS"), shall be the only Ambulance Transport Agency authorized to furnish ambulance services from any hospitals located within Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics Ambulance Service Area (ASA).
- c. GVH EMS shall have full legal authority to exercise emergency response mutual aid agreements with other surrounding emergency response agencies within their ambulance service area.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels, and adopted this 21st day of March, 2023.

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By 
Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

By 
Laura Puckett Daniels, Commissioner

By 
Elizabeth Smith, Commissioner

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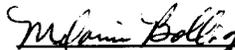

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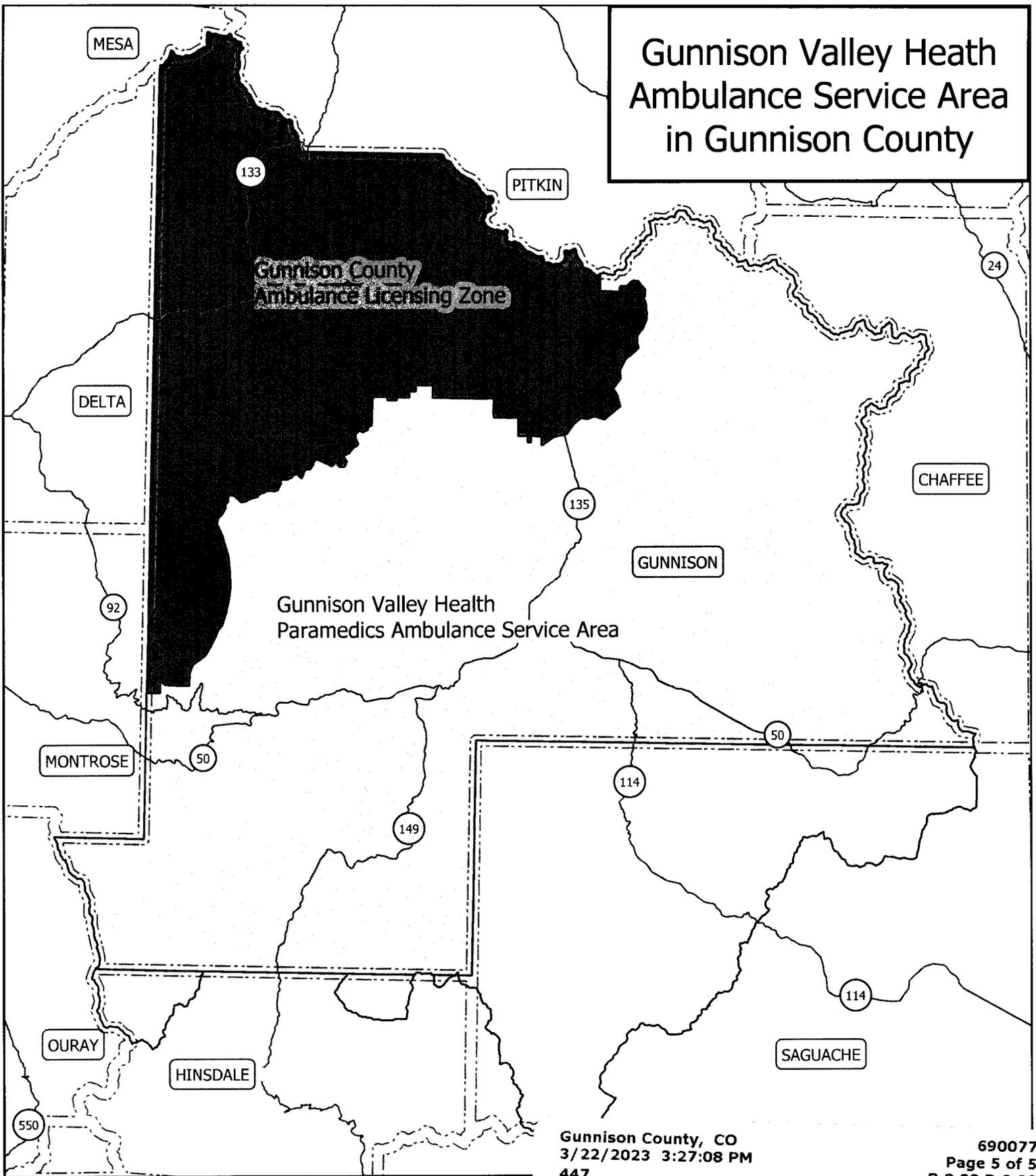




Exhibit A
ASA Service Area

[Insert ASA Map within Gunnison County]

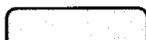
Gunnison Valley Health Ambulance Service Area in Gunnison County



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-  Gunnison Valley Health Ambulance Service Area
-  Gunnison County Ambulance Licensing Zone
-  County Boundaries

