



**AGENDA
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WORK SESSION
CITY HALL
MAY 19, 2025
6:00 PM**

The start time may vary, immediately following Regular Session.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Present**
 - A. Roll Call**
- 3. Discussion Items**
 - A. UTV Permit Discussion**
 - B. Ambulance Safety Protocols and Regulations Discussion**

Posted on City Hall Bulletin Board this 16th day of May, 2025.

Daniel Barnett, City Clerk

The Board of Aldermen Work Session is open to the public but is not a meeting of the public.

City of Harrisonville Ordinance No. [####]

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN
HARRISONVILLE AMBULANCES AND PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisonville is committed to ensuring the safety of its emergency medical services personnel, patients, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the presence of dangerous weapons in ambulances poses a significant risk to emergency responders and other occupants;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HARRISONVILLE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: Purpose

This ordinance is enacted to prohibit the possession of dangerous weapons by non-authorized individuals in any ambulance operated by the City of Harrisonville Fire Department or its authorized agents.

Section 2: Definitions

For the purposes of this ordinance:

"Ambulance" means any emergency vehicle owned, leased, or operated by the Harrisonville Fire Department or its contracted EMS providers for the transportation of sick or injured individuals.

"Dangerous weapon" includes, but is not limited to, any firearm (loaded or unloaded), explosive device, knife (other than those used for medical or utility purposes by EMS personnel), stun gun, chemical weapon (e.g., pepper spray), or any other object which may be used or intended to cause bodily harm or to intimidate.

"Passenger" includes any individual other than emergency services personnel who is present in an ambulance, including patients, observers, students, or ride-along.

"Emergency services personnel" means any certified or licensed personnel acting in the scope of their duties while employed or volunteering with the Harrisonville Fire Department or authorized EMS provider.

Section 3: Prohibited Conduct

(a) It shall be unlawful for any passenger or patient to possess a dangerous weapon within any ambulance owned, operated, or contracted by the City of Harrisonville while:

- Being transported,
- Receiving medical care or attention,
- Participating as an observer, student, or ride-along, or
- Otherwise occupying the vehicle in a non-official capacity.

(b) Possession includes carrying on one's person, within personal effects, or having immediate access to the weapon while inside the vehicle.

Section 4: Exemptions

This ordinance shall not apply to:

- Emergency services personnel lawfully carrying a dangerous weapon in the performance of their official duties;
- Law enforcement officers acting within the scope of their duties;

- Dangerous weapons that have been secured by emergency personnel in a locked compartment or removed from the individual's possession during transport for safety reasons.

Section 5: Penalty

Any person found in violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a municipal offense and, upon conviction, may be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) and/or imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Municipal Court.

Section 6: Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 7: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval according to law.