



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 5**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUNNISON COUNTY AS A LOCAL AUTHORIZING  
AUTHORITY FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES, ESTABLISHING AMBULANCE SERVICE  
AREAS, ADOPTING GUNNISON COUNTY AMBULANCE LICENSING REGULATIONS AND  
REVOKING RESOLUTION NO. 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., previously adopted resolutions for the licensure and regulation of ambulance services and adopting ambulance licensing regulations; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2018, the Board adopted new regulations for ambulance licensing in Gunnison County through Resolution No: 2018-13, "A Resolution Adopting Gunnison County Ambulance Licensing Regulations and Repealing Previous Resolutions Pertaining to the Same," which was recorded in records of the Office of the Clerk and Recorder of Gunnison County, Colorado on May 2, 2018, bearing Reception No: 652053; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 22-225, adopted in June 2022, creates a regulatory and service system requiring ambulance services to obtain a state license; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 22-225 allows Gunnison County to opt-in to being a local authorizing authority for ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 22-225 also allows Gunnison County to determine ambulance service areas within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to act as the local authorizing authority for ambulance services within Gunnison County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado that:

1. This Resolution, including the authorities and requirements set forth herein regarding ambulance services, shall be in full force and effect upon the adoption of the instant Resolution, and shall thereafter govern the management and procedures for ambulance services within Gunnison County.
2. The Board adopts the policy and procedures for the regulation of ambulance services and allowing for the establishment of ambulance service areas attached hereto as Appendix A.

3. The Board revokes its previous Resolution No: 2018-13.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Houck, and passed on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO

By Laura Puckett Daniels  
Laura Puckett Daniels, Chairperson

By Elizabeth Smith  
Elizabeth Smith, Vice-Chairperson

By Jonathan Houck  
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

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## APPENDIX "A"

### Gunnison County Ambulance Licensing Regulations

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#### I – Definitions

1. "AMBULANCE" means any public or privately owned licensed ground vehicle specially constructed or modified and equipped, intended to be used and maintained or operated by ambulance services for the transportation, upon the streets and highways of this state, of individuals who are sick, injured, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless.
2. "AMBULANCE PROVIDER" or "AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER" means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, political subdivision, governmental agency, special district, municipality, home rule municipality, public improvement district, general improvement district or any other entity that holds a valid Ambulance Service License to provide emergency and/or non-emergency care and transportation to sick, injured or disabled persons.
3. "AMBULANCE SERVICE AREA" and/or "ASA" means a specific geographic area of Gunnison County which is served by a designated Ambulance Service Provider as described in Appendix III.
4. "AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE" means a Local Authorizing Authority's approval of a state-licensed Ambulance Provider or Ambulance Service Provider to operate within the jurisdiction of the Local Authorizing Authority (All ASAs within Gunnison County).
5. "BOARD" means the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners, Gunnison County, Colorado.
6. "CDPHE" means the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
7. "COUNTY" means Gunnison County, Colorado.
8. "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES" and/or "EMS" means those prehospital functions and services whose purpose is to prepare for and respond to medical and traumatic emergencies, including rescue and ambulance services, medical standby at public events, prehospital patient care, communications, and evaluation.
9. "LICENSE" means the authorization issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to operate an ambulance service.



10. "LICENSEE" means the person or entity that has been issued a License by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to provide ambulance service.
11. "LOCAL AUTHORIZING AUTHORITY" means the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners or their designee.
12. "PERMIT" means a certificate issued by the CDPHE to an Ambulance vehicle operated by a Licensee.
13. "PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT or "PSAP" means the dispatch center where emergency calls for ambulance are received and referred to an Ambulance Service Provider. Within the County this refers to the Gunnison Regional Communications Center (GRCC) operated by the Gunnison Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority (GHCETSA) or partner centers in Delta, Pitkin or Montrose Counties that serve some portions of Gunnison County.

## II – Regulations

1. License Required. No person, firm, corporation, association, or local government shall provide or operate an Ambulance Service, publicly or privately, in the County using any ambulance based in or outside the County, unless that person, partnership, agency, or corporation holds a valid license to do so issued by the CDPHE.
2. Ambulance Permit Required. No ambulance shall transport patients when transport originates in Gunnison County unless the Ambulance Provider has been issued a License by the and possesses a current Permits for ambulances operating within the County.
3. Authorization to Operate Required. No person, firm, corporation, association, or local government shall provide or operate an Ambulance Service, publicly or privately, within the County using any ambulance based within or outside of Gunnison County, unless that person, partnership, agency, or corporation holds a valid license to do so issued by the CDPHE and has been granted Authorization to Operate by the Local Authorizing Authority.
4. Exceptions to Licensing and Permit Requirements. See section 3.3 "Exemptions from Licensure, Permit, and Authorization Requirements" in 6 CCR 1015-3.

## III – Ambulance Service Areas

1. Designated Emergency Provider. Ambulance Service Areas shall have a designated Ambulance Service Provider assigned that will be responsible for responding to requests for Ambulance Service within the ASA boundaries that are received through the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) having jurisdiction.



2. Establishment of ASAs is based on the following criteria:
  - a. Provision of ambulance service throughout Gunnison County.
  - b. Previously established municipal or special district boundaries.
  - c. The overall advantage to the EMS system in terms of ensuring quality care.
  - d. The economic impact and economic viability of the countywide EMS system including the ability to gain economies of both scale and scope for agencies providing services in the county.
  - e. The ability to coordinate services between ASAs.
  - f. The probable effect of changing ASA boundaries on municipal and governmental responders.
  - g. The incremental cost and complexity of providing medical and regulatory oversight.
  
3. Authorization to Operate: The following ambulance services, including those listed in Section 5 Mutual Aid, are Authorized to Operate in Gunnison County:
  - a. Carbondale and Rural Fire Protection District
  - b. Crested Butte Fire Protection District
  - c. Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics
  - d. North Fork Ambulance Health Service District
  
4. ASA Described. ASAs for optimal service in incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County are as follows:
  - a. Carbondale and Rural Fire Protection District ASA. The Upper Crystal River Valley areas of Gunnison County, including the Town of Marble are within the legal boundaries of the Carbondale and Rural Fire Protection District as well as those areas more particularly described in Appendix IV.
  - b. Crested Butte Fire Protection District ASA. The area included within the legal boundaries of the Crested Butte Fire Protection District includes the Town of Crested Butte and the Town of Mount Crested Butte as well as those areas more particularly described in Appendix IV.
  - c. Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics ASA. All portions of Gunnison County including the City of Gunnison and the Town of Pitkin not otherwise assigned to another ASA as well as those areas more particularly described in Appendix IV.



i) Notwithstanding any Licensee's authorization to operate within Gunnison County, Gunnison Valley Health shall be the only Ambulance Provider authorized to furnish ambulance services from any hospitals located within the Gunnison Valley Health ASA.

d. North Fork Ambulance Health Service District ASA. That area of Gunnison County included within the legal boundaries of the North Fork Ambulance Health Services District as well as those areas more particularly described in Appendix IV.

5. Mutual Aid

a. The following Ambulance Providers may be reasonably expected to provide mutual aid assistance within Gunnison County from time-to-time and are authorized to operate upon the request of any Ambulance Provider assigned an ASA within Gunnison County or PSAP having jurisdiction:

- i) Chaffee County Emergency Medical Services
- ii) Delta County Ambulance District
- iii) Glenwood Springs Fire Department
- iv) Hinsdale County Emergency Medical Services
- v) Montrose Fire Protection District
- vi) Olathe Fire Protection District
- vii) Roaring Fork Fire Rescue

b. In the event of a major emergency or a lack of sufficient ambulances to meet immediate needs, any Ambulance Provider authorized by Gunnison County may request the assistance of any Ambulance Provider licensed by the CDPHE or otherwise authorized by, local state, or federal emergency declaration.

6. Ambulance Service Area Changes. At any time, the Board may change the boundaries or assigned Ambulance Service Provider of these ASAs, create other ASAs, or incorporate or remove conditions of ambulance service delivery with an ASA to provide for the effective and efficient provision of Emergency Medical Services countywide.

a. Prior to making changes to ASA boundaries, the Board shall receive advice and comment from the agency/agencies affected or claimed to be affected by the change.

b. If local city or special district boundaries change through annexation, exclusion the Board may authorize a change to the ASA boundary.

c. The Board shall consider impacts on other service providers and on the public prior to making boundary changes.

d. An Ambulance Service 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.

e. The Board may temporarily or permanently reassign an ASA if the designated provider discontinues providing ambulance service or is no longer Licensed.

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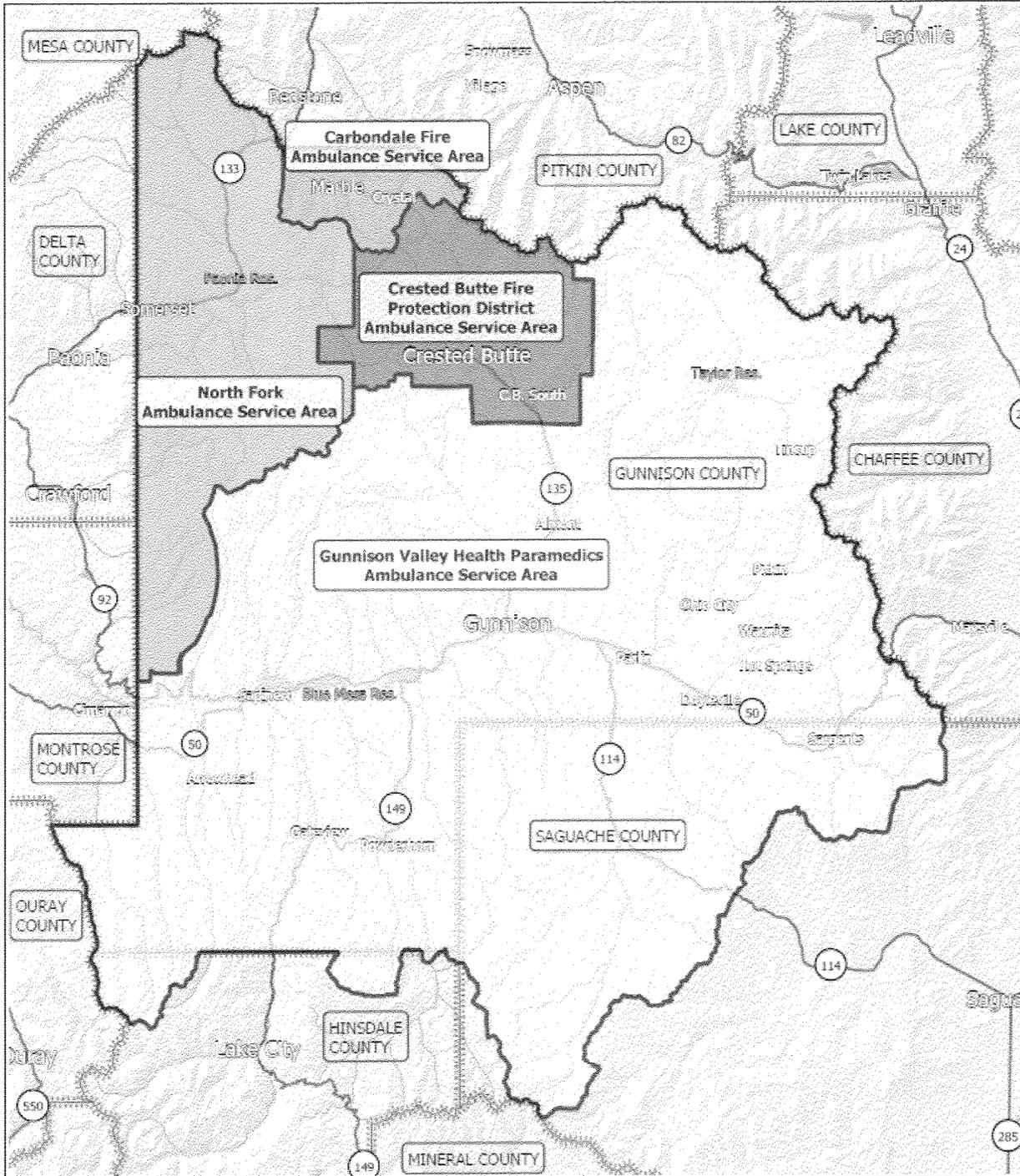
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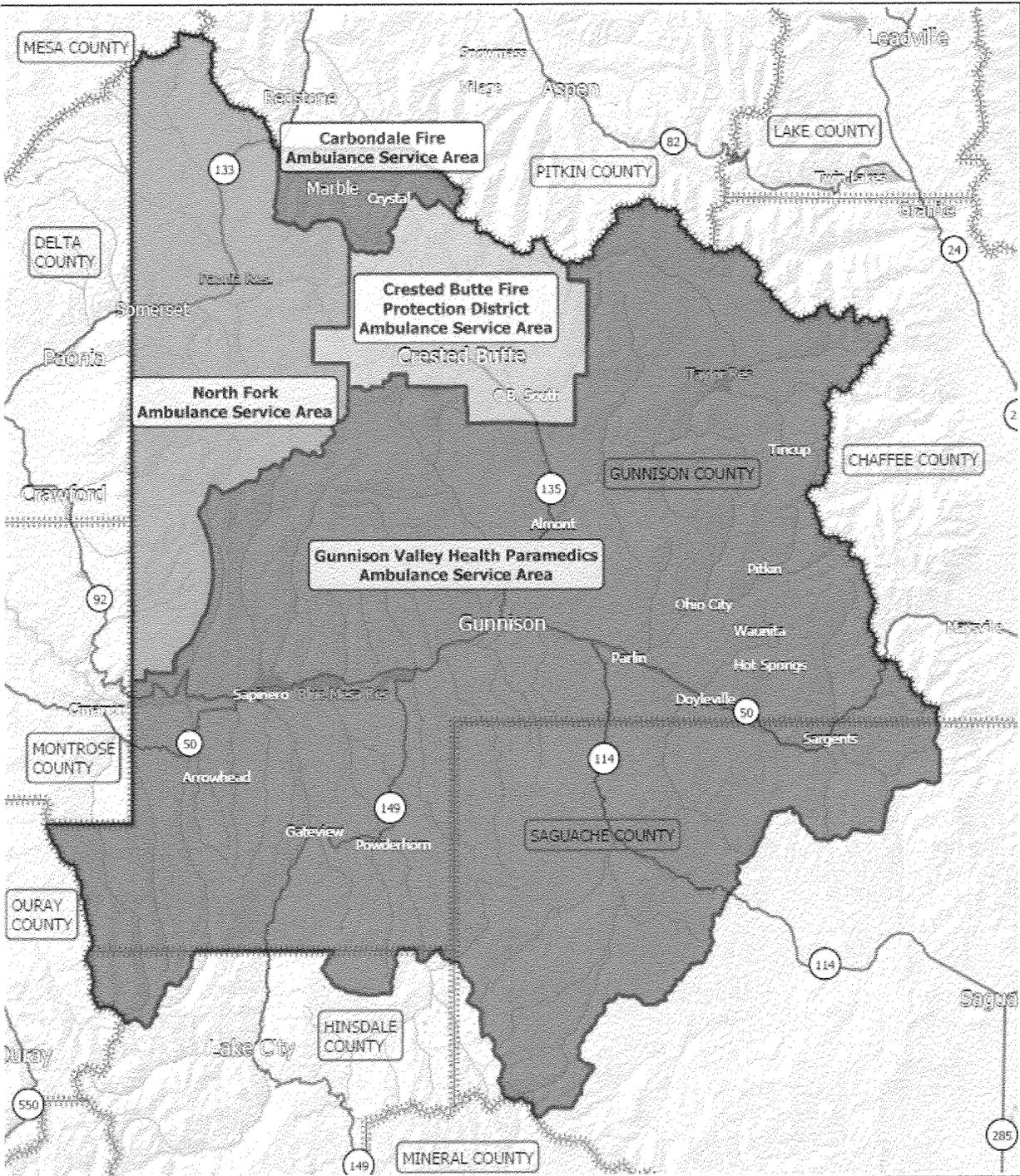
IV – Ambulance Service Area Maps

Gunnison County Ambulance Service Area





# Gunnison County Ambulance Service Area



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