

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA EXTENDING THE CITY'S CONSENT TO THE INCLUSION OF THE INCORPORATED AREA OF THE CITY OF VENICE IN THE SARASOTA COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, on April 14, 2015 the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida adopted Ordinance No. 2015-11 consenting to the inclusion of all of the incorporated area of the City of Venice within the Sarasota County Emergency Medical Services Taxing Unit established pursuant to Sarasota County Ordinance No. 2002-091; and

**WHEREAS**, the consent granted by Ordinance No. 2015-11 shall expire on April 30, 2016 unless extended by the adoption of a subsequent ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Venice wishes to extend the inclusion of all of the incorporated area of the City of Venice within the Sarasota County Emergency Medical Services Taxing Unit established pursuant to Sarasota County Ordinance No. 2002-091.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA**, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Whereas clauses above are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** **Findings.** It is ascertained, determined and declared that:

A. The Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida has established by ordinance, the Sarasota County Emergency Medical Services Municipal Service Taxing Unit for the purpose of funding emergency medical services provided within the Taxing Unit.

B. Pursuant to Section 125.01(1)(q), Florida Statutes, in order for the boundaries of a municipal service taxing unit to include all or part of the boundaries of a municipality, the governing body of the municipality must consent by ordinance to the municipality's inclusion within the boundaries of the taxing unit.

C. The City of Venice hereby determines that the inclusion of all of the incorporated area of the City of Venice within the boundaries of the Emergency Medical Services Municipal Service Taxing Unit is in the best interests of the

citizens of the City of Venice and will ensure the provision of emergency medical services, a municipal service.

**SECTION 3. Consent.** The City Council of the City of Venice hereby consents to the inclusion of all of the incorporated area of the City of Venice within the Sarasota County Emergency Medical Services Taxing Unit established pursuant to Sarasota County Ordinance No. 2002-091. Such consent shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this Ordinance and shall remain in effect until April 30, 2017.

**SECTION 4. Severability.** The provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 5. Effective date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL 2016.**

First Reading: March 22, 2016  
Final Reading: April 12, 2016  
Adoption: April 12, 2016

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John W. Holic, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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David Persson, City Attorney