

September 12, 2024

Mr. Dylan Ferguson, Executive Director  
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board

Mr. Ferguson,

The City of Northfield is expressing its support of Northfield Hospital + Clinics EMS's decision to transition to a full-time Basic Life Support license combined with a part-time Advanced Life Support license, in order to ensure adherence to state staffing regulations.

The City of Northfield believes that this change will not impact the response time, quality of care, or coverage area for NH + C EMS services. NH + C has consistently demonstrated outstanding clinical performance, as acknowledged by the EMSRB. NH + C's EMS department is exemplary in fostering community engagement. Their team offers medical direction and training to local police and fire departments, as well as to St. Olaf and Carleton Colleges. NH + C cultivates strong working relationships between EMS and emergency department providers and first responders.

Permitting Northfield EMS to switch from full-time ALS to part-time ALS will enable the community to maintain prompt EMS responses from EMTs, rather than waiting for an ALS vehicle. The City of Northfield supports Chief Brian Edwards' request to alter their license from full-time ALS to part-time ALS.

Thank you for considering our support for this important change, which will help ensure the continued effectiveness and responsiveness of our emergency medical services.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rhonda Pownell  
City of Northfield