

RESOLUTION NO. [XXXX-XX]**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A STANDARDIZED PROCESS FOR DESIGNATING PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES AS EMERGENCY VEHICLES PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 8-2010**

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 8-2010 grants the Board of County Commissioners the authority to designate privately owned vehicles as emergency vehicles; and

WHEREAS, certain non-governmental organizations (NGOs), first responders, and other emergency personnel may require emergency vehicle status to enhance their response capabilities and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the need for a streamlined and efficient process while ensuring compliance with state law and maintaining oversight of such designations; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that establishing pre-approved criteria and delegating the administrative functions of review, inspection, and recommendation to the Director of Emergency Management will facilitate this process while ensuring proper governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS:

Section 1. Establishment of Pre-Approved Criteria

The following **minimum standards and criteria** shall apply to any privately owned vehicle seeking designation as an emergency vehicle under K.S.A. 8-2010:

1. **Applicant Eligibility**
 - Applicants must be actively engaged in emergency response activities, including but not limited to:
 - Firefighters
 - Emergency Medical personnel
 - Search and Rescue personnel
 - Law Enforcement personnel
 - Private NGOs with formal emergency response agreements with the County
 - Applicants must provide proof of certification, licensure, or affiliation with an emergency response organization.
2. **Vehicle Requirements**
 - Vehicles must be properly registered and insured in accordance with Kansas law.
 - Emergency warning equipment, including lights and sirens, must comply with the requirements set forth in K.S.A 8-1720 and 8-1738 as applicable.
 - A vehicle inspection shall be conducted to ensure compliance with safety and warning system requirements.
3. **Operational Standards**
 - Emergency vehicle designation shall be **strictly limited to response activities related to life safety, property protection, or public safety events.**
 - The use of emergency lights and sirens shall comply with state traffic laws and regulations pursuant to **K.S.A. 8-1506.**
 - Misuse of emergency vehicle status may result in **revocation** of the designation.

Section 2. Administrative Review & Recommendation Process

1. The **Director of Emergency Management** shall be responsible for:
 - o Reviewing applications and verifying eligibility.
 - o Conducting or overseeing vehicle inspections.
 - o Confirming compliance with applicable emergency vehicle equipment standards.
 - o Ensuring that owners of designated emergency vehicles have been made aware of their rights, duties, and liability as set forth in **K.S.A. 8-1506**.
 - o Maintaining records of approved vehicles and their authorized operators.
2. Upon successful review, the **Director of Emergency Management** shall submit a **recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners** which shall **approve applications meeting all pre-established criteria** unless the Board determines otherwise.
3. The Board shall retain the right to **review, approve, deny, or revoke** any emergency vehicle designation at its discretion.

Section 3. Permit Issuance & Duration

1. Upon approval, a **permit designating the vehicle as an emergency vehicle** shall be issued by the Director of Emergency Management.
2. The permit shall be valid for as long as the permit holder remains actively engaged in emergency response duties while maintaining an affiliation in good standing with an emergency response organization as set forth above, or until revoked by The Board or the Director of Emergency Management.

Section 4. Revocation & Compliance Enforcement

1. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to **revoke emergency vehicle status** if:
 - o The vehicle or its operator fails to comply with applicable laws and standards.
 - o The affiliated organization or responder no longer meets eligibility requirements.
2. The Director of Emergency Management shall notify the Board of any **violations or concerns**, and the Board may take action, including immediate revocation.

Section 5. Effective Date

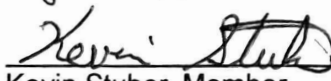
This Resolution shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18 day of March, 2025.

Signatures

Board of County Commissioners


Justin Clark, Chair


Kevin Stuber, Member


Jerry Sedlacek, Member

ATTEST:


Amanda DeWitt
County Clerk

