

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor & City Council
From: Steve Foote, AICP
Community Development Director
Date: April 21, 2014
Subject: Discussion, City Code Amendment
Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Program

BACKGROUND

Councilman Nall has expressed interest in the City of Dunwoody considering a requirement that AED's be placed in certain buildings open and accessible to the public. An AED is a portable, lightweight, device that can deliver an electric shock to someone suffering from cardiac arrest. Because they are 'automatic' they can be used by many people that have received the appropriate training. Because of the usefulness of AED's in saving lives, they are often installed in many locations including; public buildings, police vehicles, schools, medical offices, and other convenient locations. The City has placed AED's in all of their police vehicles and at City Hall. This item was last discussed during the March 10, 2014 meeting.

DISCUSSION

Although this item was discussed during the March 24th City Council meeting a solid consensus on how to move forward with an AED program or whether it should be mandatory was not decided. Staff has attempted to take the general discussion during the Council meeting and comments from Councilman Nall in forming the basis for the attached AED Program Overview. This Overview represents one possible way for an AED program to administered and operated.

Staff is seeking input and direction from the City Council on the intent to move forward with an AED program and critiquing of the drafted Overview. With this direction staff can work towards preparation of a proposed ordinance representing the direction of the Mayor and Council and present it for future consideration.