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**Brentwood Borough Officials Ensuring
The Community Does Not Go
Without Emergency Medical Services**

Council Seeking Proposals for EMS Providers.

Brentwood, PA— April 19, 2022 — Brentwood Borough Council would like to issue the following statement regarding the future of EMS services in the Borough and hopes to eliminate the misinformation that has already begun to permeate the community.

Construction of a new Brentwood Borough Building began in 2019. It should be noted that additional space in the new Borough Building had previously been offered to Brentwood EMS in one of the preliminary design options; however the space was determined to be too small to adequately meet the needs of Brentwood EMS. The final design did not include any additional space for Brentwood EMS who had previously, and continues to, operate out of a space owned by the Borough. It has long been planned that the former Borough Building would be demolished and/or sold once the new Borough Building was constructed. It has been three years since construction of the new Borough Building began and over one year since Brentwood moved its operations to the new Borough Building. Borough Council agreed to permit Brentwood EMS to continue to operate out of the former Borough Building until either such time that Brentwood EMS found a new permanent location, the former Borough Building became too unsafe to occupy, or the structure is demolished to promote economic development of the parcel. As this site continues to deteriorate, Brentwood Borough Council is moving forward with demolishing the former Borough Building before it poses a more serious safety threat to the public. This demolition is anticipated to occur in September or October of this year. When it was determined by Brentwood EMS that the space offered to them by Brentwood Council would not suit its needs, Council indicated that it would review and consider any proposals from

Brentwood EMS for financial assistance in securing a new location from which to operate. Brentwood Council offered suggestions for possible locations, but all were deemed unsatisfactory for various reasons. Not understanding this unique industry, Council decided to leave the site selection process up to Brentwood EMS and to wait for this organization to provide a proposal of a building that would suit its needs. No proposals have yet been presented to Brentwood Council to review or to consider. Due to the uncertainty of Brentwood EMS having a place of operation once the former Borough Building is demolished, Brentwood Council had no choice but to issue a Request for Proposals for EMS services to ensure that the citizens of Brentwood do not go without EMS services. As such, during its March 28, 2022 public meeting, Brentwood Borough Council made and unanimously approved a motion to authorize the advertising of Request For Proposals (RFP) No. 2022-02, which invites qualified firms to submit proposals to serve as the designated emergency medical service provider for the Borough of Brentwood. This RFP process will be long and arduous, and, from a timing perspective, it should have been initiated once Borough operations moved to the new building; however, Council wanted to give Brentwood EMS as much time as possible to consider a new location. This DOES NOT mean that Brentwood Council has already decided to switch EMS providers. Brentwood EMS will have the same opportunity to respond to the RFP as any other organization. In addition, Brentwood Council has indicated to Brentwood EMS that they continue to be willing to work with Brentwood EMS to keep this organization in Brentwood. Council has again initiated and held meetings with Brentwood EMS to discuss this process, and it will continue to meet and provide assistance if the group identifies a prospective facility from which to operate. I am sure we can all agree that it is critical that any EMS provider have base of operations. All bidders will be required to show that they own or lease a facility. Bidders must additionally demonstrate financial sustainability and an ability to meet rigorous patient care, safety, and

quality criteria, such as response-time, staffing levels, equipment requirements, engagement with the healthcare system, and capabilities to support fire department responders. The objective of Borough Council is to ensure that the residents of Brentwood are covered by an EMS organization that can provide the high standard of services that they have come to expect without any disruptions.

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