



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution Granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Universal Protection Service LP to Operate a Private Patrol Service

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a Resolution granting and issuing a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Universal Protection Service LP.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving **Resolution 2020-30**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Universal Protection Service LP.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve as recommended by staff; or,
2. Deny the recommendation; or,
3. Modify the staff recommendation.

AUTHORITY

Section 5.40.020 of the Merced Municipal Code requires that before any person can engage in the business of operating a private patrol service or to engage in employment as a patrolman of such private patrol service a certificate of public convenience and necessity must be issued by the City Council.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2019-20 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION

The City has received a business license application from Universal Protection Service LP (DBA Universal Protection Service LP), a private security firm requesting to do business within the City of Merced. Universal Protection Service LP is a licensed security contractor based out of Turlock California that provides security services in the Turlock California area.

In speaking with the Representative, Fabiola Matos, she advised the company has clients that are requesting their services in the City of Merced. This is the reason Universal Protection Service LP is seeking a City of Merced business license.

An online check with the Department of Consumer Affairs was completed and found no complaints against Universal Protection Service LP.

A questionnaire was sent to Universal Protection Service LP to obtain the required information per 5.40.030 of the City of Merced Municipal Code. Refer to the attached questionnaire for specific details.

Universal Protection Service LP currently holds a Private Patrol Operator License #6220 issued by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services. The current license expires August 31, 2021.

A notice of Public hearing was published in the Merced County Times regarding the Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Business License Application
2. Merced Police Department Private Patrol Application
3. Bureau of Security and Investigative Services licensing details for #6220
4. Resolution 2020-30