



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution Granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for American Guard Services to Engage in Private Patrol Services

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a Resolution granting and issuing a certificate of public convenience and necessity to American Guard Services.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving **Resolution 2021-29**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to American Guard Services.

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 2020-21 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION

The City has received a business license application from American Guard Services (DBA American Guard Services), a private security firm requesting to do business within the City of Merced. American Guard Services is a licensed security contractor based out of Gardena California that provides security services in the Fresno California area.

In speaking with the owner, Sherif Assal, he advised he has clients that are requesting his services in the City of Merced. This is the reason American Guard Services is seeking a City of Merced business license.

An online check with the Department of Consumer Affairs was completed and found no complaints against American Guard Services.

American Guard Services completed the necessary questionnaire to obtain the required information per 5.40.030 of the City of Merced Municipal Code. Refer to the attached questionnaire for specific details.

American Guard Services currently holds a Private Patrol Operator License # 12969 issued by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services. The current license expires December 31, 2022.

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 12969
4. Resolution 2021-29