



**State of Tennessee
Health Facilities Commission**

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LETTER OF INTENT

The Publication of Intent is to be published in The Tennessean which is a newspaper of general circulation in Rutherford County, Tennessee, on or before 09/15/2025 for one day.

This is to provide official notice to the Health Facilities Commission and all interested parties, in accordance with T.C.A. §68-11-1601 et seq., and the Rules of the Health Facilities Commission, that Ascension Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital, a/an Hospital owned by Saint Thomas Health with an ownership type of Corporation (Not-for-Profit) and to be managed by itself intends to file an application for a Certificate of Need for the establishment of a freestanding emergency department (FSED) in Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee on 2.05 acres. The FSED will consist of approximately 11,250 square feet with 10 exam rooms, including 1 trauma room, imaging services, lab, and associated support space. There will be two canopied entrances, one for the general public and one for emergency vehicles. The address of the project will be an unaddressed site on Highway 96 in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Highway 96 and East Pitts Lane behind Bethlehem Church of Christ, Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee, 37130. The estimated project cost will be \$19,080,334.

The anticipated date of filing the application is 10/01/2025

The contact person for this project is Director of Strategy Robert Suggs who may be reached at Saint Thomas Health - 102 Woodmont Blvd, Nashville, Tennessee, 37205 – Contact No. 865-712-9794.

Robert Suggs

09/12/2025

robert.suggs.ii@ascension.org

Signature of Contact

Date

Contact's Email Address

The Letter of Intent must be received between the first and the fifteenth day of the month. If the last day for filing is a Saturday, Sunday, or State Holiday, filing must occur on the next business day. Applicants seeking simultaneous review must publish between the sixteenth day and the last day of the month of publication by the original applicant.

The published Letter of Intent must contain the following statement pursuant to T.C.A. §68-11-1607 (c)(1). (A) Any healthcare institution wishing to oppose a Certificate of Need application must file a written notice with the Health Facilities Commission no later than fifteen (15) days before the regularly scheduled Health

Facilities Commission meeting at which the application is originally scheduled; and (B) Any other person wishing to oppose the application may file a written objection with the Health Facilities Commission at or prior to the consideration of the application by the Commission, or may appear in person to express opposition. Written notice of opposition may be sent to: Health Facilities Commission, Andrew Jackson Building, 9th Floor, 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37243 or email at hsda.staff@tn.gov .



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PUBLICATION OF INTENT

The following shall be published in the “Legal Notices” section of the newspaper in a space no smaller than two (2) columns by two (2) inches.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED

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