

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NORTH PACIFIC COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE  
DISTRICT NO. 1  
PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-716**

**A RESOLUTION** declaring an emergency and calling a special election in concert with the General Election that will be held Tuesday November 5, 2024, to place upon the ballot a proposition authorizing an annual excess property tax levy to subsidize ambulance and emergency medical services to the NPCEMS District No. 1 of Pacific County.

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.01.00 provides the legislative authority of a county with authority to establish an ambulance service system for all of the county, and award contracts for ambulance service, if the system does compete with any existing private system, and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.01.95 in part provides a county with authority to establish an emergency medical service system as defined in RCW 18.73.03(11), and to collect reasonable fees to at least partially reimburse the county for costs of providing such service or to waive the service charges if the service is supported by an excess levy, and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.01095 further provides that emergency medical services shall not be deemed to compete with any existing private ambulance service as provided for in RCW 36.01.00, whenever the county legislative authority determines that a least a substantial portion of the county is not adequately served by existing private ambulance service, and existing private ambulance service cannot be encouraged to expand service on a contract basis, and

**WHEREAS**, for-profit private ambulance service has not been available in Pacific County for many years and nonprofit private ambulance service is available to very small, limited portions of the county, and then only with tax subsidy, and

**WHEREAS**, for more than thirty years, emergency medical care and emergency medical services have been furnished cooperatively by the area's local governments and fire services personnel to residents and guests of, and visitors to, northerly/easterly portion of Pacific County; and

**WHEREAS**, since the November 1, 1988 filing for the formal agreement under the Interlocal Cooperation Act (chapter 39.34 RCW) between the City of Raymond, and City of South Bend, Pacific County Fire Protection District No.3(Willapa Valley), No.4(Naselle), No.6 (Bay Center), No. 7(Nemah), and No.8(rural South Bend), and Pacific County, the joint emergency medical services agency designated the North Pacific County Emergency Medical Service District No. 1("NPCEMS") has been assigned the responsibility for emergency medical services for the purpose of emergency medical rescue, treatment and transportation of the ill and injured in all incorporated an unincorporated areas of Pacific County, except those laying with School Districts No. 101(Ocean Beach, No. 172(Ocosta) or No. 200(North River); and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the NPCEMS District No. 1 Service Area's residents, guests, and visitors, and necessary for the public health and welfare, that ambulance and emergency medical services be subsidized , and in order to do so special tax levy request must be submitted to the electors with the service area at a special election to be held in concert with the General Election November 7, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, during its July 16, 2024 meeting after examining the joint agency's needs and resources, the NPCEMS District No. 1 Board determined that the proceeds from an annual excess levy with a tax rate of forty cents per thousand dollars assessed value of property (\$.40/1000av), estimated to collect no more than six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000), for collection in the year 2025 would satisfy the NPCEMS' expected requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire and intent to continue to provide ambulance and emergency medical services as a joint, cooperative effort in a uniform, consolidated manner administered by the NPCEMS DISTRICT NO. 1; now, therefore

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** BY THE Board of NPCEMS DISTRICT NO. 1 that a special election shall be called in the NPCEMS Service Area which includes all of Pacific County except those areas that lie within the boundaries of School District No. 101, No. 172 or No. 200; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a state of emergency exists within the contemplation of RCW 29.13.0101, and that this Board does hereby declare an emergency to exist warranting the calling a special election to be held in concert with the General Election November 5, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a special election is for the purpose of balloting on the proposition of whether or not the Service Area’s electors will approve an annual excess levy for collection in 2025, which replaces the expired 2024 levy, with a tax rate of forty cents per thousand dollars assessed value (\$.40/1000av) of property and the amount to be collected not to exceed six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to subsidize ambulance and emergency medical services to those in need within the NPCEMS District No. 1 area, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said ballot proposition be submitted to the voters in approximately the following form:

PROPOSTION NO.1  
Pacific County, Washington  
Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Funding

The North Pacific Emergency Medical Services District No.1 has passed Resolution 2024-716 concerning the collection of an excess levy of forty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value (\$.40/1000av), replacing the expired 2024 levy, estimated to collect not more than six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000), against all property in Pacific County, except for that property which is within the boundaries of the Ocean Beach, Ocosta, or North River School Districts and collected in 2025 to subsidize Ambulance and emergency medical services within the North Pacific County Emergency Medical Services District #1 service area. Should this be approved:

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

**BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED** that should the levy be approved, the tax shall be assessed in 2024 for collection in 2025; PROVIDED, that should conditions change or additional funds becomes available, and based on the recommendations of the NPCEMS DISTRICT NO. 1 Board, this Board shall reduce the levy requested prior to the actual levying of the tax and collection of the funds; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that, upon approval and signing, the Secretary of the Board is directed to immediately transmit two (2) certified copies of the Resolution to the County Auditor.

**PASSED** by the Board of the North Pacific County Emergency Medical Services District No. 1 meeting in a regular session at South Bend, Washington, the 16th day of July 2024, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Secretary in authorization of such passage: 5 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 ABSTIN; and 1 ABSENT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

R. Rex Hutchins  
Rex Hutchins – Chair – Pacific County Fire Dist #3

Katie Driggers  
Katie Driggers - Secretary of the Board

Victoria Killingbeck  
Vicki Killingbeck - Pacific County Fire Dist #6

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