

RESOLUTION 2025-01

A Resolution of the Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 1, Skamania County, Washington, directing the Skamania County Auditor, as *ex-officio Supervisor of Elections*, to place on the ballot for the qualified electors of the District, at the special election to be held therein on April 22, 2025, a proposition authorizing Skamania County Public Hospital District No. 1 to continue the existing regular Emergency Medical Care and Services tax levy at a rate of fifty-cents (\$0.50) per thousand dollars of assessed value of property, under the provisions of RCW 84.52.069.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of RCW 84.52.069, public hospital districts are authorized to levy a regular Emergency Medical Care and Services property tax levy in an amount equal to fifty cents (\$0.50) or less per thousand dollars of assessed value of property, in the taxing district, for the purpose of providing emergency medical care and services; and

WHEREAS, for the last approximately forty-one years, Skamania County voters have authorized a regular Emergency Medical Care and Services levy for the purposes of funding emergency medical care and response; most recently at the rate of \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed value for a period of six-years, and;

WHEREAS, with approval of this levy, the Skamania County Public Hospital District, operating as Skamania EMS & Rescue has been able to provide said services, expanding overnight staging of medical personnel and apparatus into the eastern and western portion of Skamania County, and;

WHEREAS, the expansion of these services has helped to improve response times, and increase accessibility to emergency medical care which occurs due to growth within the county, whether it be seasonal or prolonged, and;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have determined that it is necessary to seek approval to continue the existing regular Emergency Medical Care and Services property tax levy at the rate of \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed value, and;

WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, the continuance of this regular Emergency Medical Care and Services property tax levy will be used to provide sufficient funds, and permit the District to maintain its emergency medical services for the benefit of the District's residents and other persons served by the District, and;


WHEREAS, the prior six-year regular Emergency Medical Care and Services property tax levy will expire on December 31, 2025, and;

WHEREAS should the prior six-year regular Emergency Medical Care and Services property tax levy expire without reauthorization by the voters, the District shall be immediately required to review operations and ascertain staffing changes necessary to address a short fall in operating revenue, and;


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF SKAMANIA COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT No. 1, SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

- (1) Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, The Superintendent is authorized and directed to submit to the Auditor of Skamania County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, a copy of this resolution 2025-01 and attached proposition, in the form of a ballot title prepared by the Prosecuting Attorney of Skamania County, and;
- (2) If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provision of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, or of the levy or collection of the taxes, and;
- (3) For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Commissioners hereby designate the Superintendent of the District as the individual to whom the Supervisor of Elections of Skamania County shall provide such notice. The Superintendent and the Supervisor of Elections are each authorized individually to approve changes to the ballot title, if any are deemed necessary by the Supervisor of Elections of Skamania County or the Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney, and;
- (4) This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.


ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Commissioners of Skamania County Public Hospital District No. 1, at a public meeting thereof, of which due notice was given as provided by law, this 13th day of January 2025, with the following Commissioners being present and voting.


Dale Grams, Chair
Commissioner, Position No. 1

Vacant
Commissioner, Position No. 2


Angie Hollis, Commissioner
Commissioner, Position No. 3

ATTEST:


Ann M. Lueders
Superintendent

SKAMANIA COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1

PROPOSITION No. 1

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES

PROPERTY TAX LEVY CONTINUATION

Shall the *Skamania County Public Hospital District No. 1, operating as Skamania EMS & Rescue*, be authorized to continue and impose a regular Emergency Medical Care and Services property tax levy of fifty cents (\$0.50) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, for each of six (6) consecutive years beginning January 1, 2026; supporting the continued maintenance and operation of emergency medical care and services in Skamania County?

Yes

No