

CHELAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1
CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON dba CASCADE MEDICAL CENTER

PROPOSITION 1

Proposition setting an Emergency Medical Services property tax
levy in support of the Emergency Department and Ambulance Service

RESOLUTION 2018-08

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, providing for submission of a ballot proposition to the voters of said District, requesting authorization to impose a regular property tax levy of up to fifty cents (\$.50) per thousand dollars of assessed value in order to provide funding for emergency medical care and services, including hospital emergency department care and emergency vehicle services.

WHEREAS, Public Hospital District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, d/b/a Cascade Medical Center (the "District"), is a municipal corporation organized and duly existing under the laws of the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a six (6) year tax levy submitted to and approved by the electorate in August, 2012, the District implemented a new tax levy to replace the expiring levy for another six (6) years and continue to currently levy a property tax for emergency medical care and services in the amount of up to fifty cents (\$.50) per \$1,000 of assessed value; and

WHEREAS, the District's current tax for emergency care and services expires in the year 2019; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.52.069(2), the District is authorized by the Washington State Legislature to levy a subsequent six (6) year tax levy for emergency medical care and services up to fifty cents (\$.50) per \$1,000 of assessed value annually if so approved by the District's voters; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069(2) addresses subsequent six (6) year tax levy voter approval requirements in relevant part as follows: "The subsequent approval of a six-year... tax levy under this section must be specifically authorized by a majority of the registered voters thereof approving a proposition authorizing the levies submitted at a special or general election."; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District (the "Board") is charged by the voters of the District to provide quality hospital services and other emergency care, facilities and services for the residents of the District and others; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the community desires the District to continue to maintain emergency care facilities and to offer high quality emergency care services, including medical transportation services; and

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WHEREAS, the Board finds that the number of patient visits to the emergency department and the number of ambulance calls within the District has increased and is likely to increase further; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing high quality emergency care services has increased substantially since the passage of the District's 2013 emergency care and services levy, and is likely to increase further; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the community will continue to affirmatively support a tax levy rate by the District of up to fifty cents (\$.50) per \$1,000 of assessed property value in order to enable the District to continue to provide high quality and responsive emergency care services and facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Chelan County Public Hospital District No. 1, Chelan County, Washington, that a mail-in ballot proposition be submitted to the registered voters of the District at the general election to be held in February, 2019, submitting the question of whether, beginning with taxes payable in 2020 and continuing each year thereafter for a period of six (6) years, the District shall impose a regular property tax levy for emergency medical care and emergency medical transportation services at a rate of up to fifty cents (\$.50) per \$1,000 of assessed value of property in the District. Such ballot shall be distributed by mail to all registered voters of Chelan County Public Hospital District #1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the title of the aforesaid ballot proposition shall be substantially as follows:


Proposition 1
Cascade Medical Center for
renewal of the Emergency Medical Services Levy.

The Commission of Chelan County Public Hospital District #1 d/b/a Cascade Medical Center has approved Resolution 2018-08 concerning a proposition to provide funds to finance the emergency department and ambulance services. This proposition authorizes the District to renew a levy of regular property taxes of up to fifty cents (\$.50) per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation, beginning with taxes payable in 2020 and continuing each year thereafter for six (6) consecutive years. This levy provides funds for the personnel costs, training, facilities, supplies and other related expenses for the emergency department and ambulance services. Should this proposition be approved?


Emergency Services Levy YES Emergency Services Levy NO

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the District is directed to certify to Chelan County a copy of this Resolution showing its adoption by the Board of Commissioners on or before December 14, 2018; and the Superintendent or her designee is directed to perform any other duties as are necessary or required by law so that the question of whether or not the tax levy shall be made as herein provided shall be submitted to the registered voters of the District at the aforesaid election.


ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, at a Regular Open Public Meeting of the Board on the 27th day of November, 2018.


Bruce Williams, Board President


Mall Boyd, Board Commissioner


Mary Helen Mayhew, Board Commissioner


Helen Rayfield, Board Commissioner


Thomas Baranouskas, Board Commissioner

ATTESTED/AUTHENTICATED:


Diane Blake, Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent