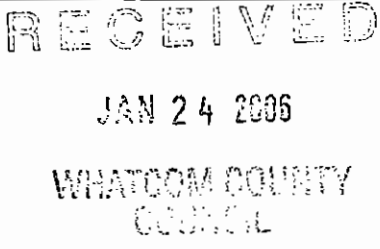


WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2006-081

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	Ljh	12/16/05		1/31/06	Introduction
Division Head:				2/14/06	Finance/Council
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	DG	12/22/05			
Purchasing/Budget:	J. Dewey	1/23/06			
Executive:					

TITLE OF DOCUMENT: Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 82-109

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance

SEPA review required? () Yes () NO Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes () NO
 SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO Requested Date:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: (If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)

Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 82-109 – An Ordinance Reconstituting the Emergency Medical and Ambulance Advisory Board

COMMITTEE ACTION:

2/14/06: Forwarded to Council for adoption as amended.

COUNCIL ACTION:

1/31/06: Introduced
 2/14/06: Adopted as amended in committee 7-0.

Related County Contract #: **Related File Numbers:** **Ordinance or Resolution Number:** Ord 2006-007

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SPONSORED BY: Executive

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: 1/17/06

ORDINANCE 2006-007

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 82-109
AN ORDINANCE RECONSTITUTING THE EMERGENCY
MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham have successfully operated a countywide emergency medical transportation system for many years, and

WHEREAS, the rural and municipal fire departments throughout the county have joined together in a mutual aid agreement to strengthen cooperation and assistance in emergency medical situations, and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Emergency Medical Services Working Group has proposed changes to the duties and composition of the Emergency Medical and Ambulance Advisory Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that Ordinance 82-109 (codified in Whatcom County Code as Chapter 5.04.080) be amended as follows:

- 1) There is created a joint, cooperative Emergency Medical and Ambulance Advisory Board consisting of the following personnel:
 - A. The Whatcom County Executive ~~The Mayor of Bellingham~~
 - B. The Mayor of Bellingham ~~The Chairperson of the Bellingham City Council Finance Committee~~
 - C. One Mayor of an incorporated city, other than Bellingham, selected by the Small Cities Mayors' Association ~~The Chairperson of the Bellingham City Council Public Safety Committee~~
 - D. One Bellingham City Council Member ~~The Fire Chief or, if so directed, the Fire Department Medical Services Officer~~

- E. The Chair of the Whatcom County Council or his/her designee ~~The Whatcom County Executive~~
- F. Four Fire District Commissioners (one from each region – north, south, east, west) ~~The Chairperson of the Whatcom County Council Finance Committee~~
- G. One Fire Chief selected by Whatcom County Fire Chiefs' Association (advisory only) ~~The Chairperson of the Whatcom County Public Services Committee~~
- H. The Bellingham Fire Chief or Fire Department Medical Services Officer (advisory only) ~~A Mayor of an incorporated city, other than Bellingham, within the County, selected by the Small Town Mayors' Association~~
- I. The Medical Program Director (advisory only) ~~A Fire Chief, selected by the Whatcom County Fire Chiefs' Association~~
- J. ~~A fire District Commissioner, selected by the Whatcom County Fire Commissioners' Association~~
- K. ~~The Medical Advisor to the City's Ambulance Service – advisory only, having no vote~~

The Whatcom County Executive shall serve as chairperson of the Board, unless the Board shall elect at a meeting another of its members as chairperson.

2) Duties Of The Board:

The board shall:

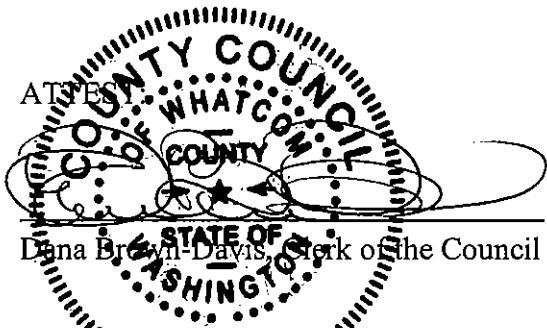
- A. Act to coordinate and improve ambulance and related medical transportation services throughout Whatcom County
- B. ~~The Board shall b~~Be the primary agency for settling disputes between ambulance services and government agencies operating ambulance services, throughout Whatcom County
- C. Make budgetary recommendations for ambulance services.
- D. ~~The Board shall a~~Advise the Council and other agencies on improvements to ambulance services

F. Hold at least two public meetings each year with the primary purpose of:

- (1) Sharing progress and accomplishments from previous year (March/April meeting); and
- (2) Reviewing and commenting on projected budget and goals for the new year (August/September meeting).

3) The Chairperson of the Board may call the Board into session on his/her own motion, and the Chairperson shall convene the Board when requested to do so by a participating agency.

ADOPTED this 14 day of February, 2006.



ATTEST:

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel L. Gibson
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

L. Caskey-Schreiber
Laurie Caskey-Schreiber, Council Chair

Approved Denied

Pete Kremen
Pete Kremen, County Executive