

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

**ORDINANCE NO. 152**

**AN ORDINANCE** Creating an emergency medical service district in rural Asotin County, and setting forth its governing organization.

**WHEREAS**, the residents and guests of, visitors to, and travelers through rural Asotin County have been furnished emergency medical care and services (“EMS”) cooperatively by the areas’ local governments and fire services personnel for years; and

**WHEREAS**, this cooperative EMS system has been subsidized via an intergovernmental agreement between Asotin County, Washington and Lewiston City Fire Department Emergency Medical Service and Asotin County Fire District # 1. The Lewiston City Fire Department Emergency Medical Service has had the responsibility of overseeing and/or providing emergency medical services that included emergency medical rescue, treatment and transportation of the ill and injured in the rural areas of Asotin County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Asotin County Board of Commissioners has recommended that the regular property tax levy available under RCW 84.52.069 for emergency medical care and services be made available as the primary financing option; and

**WHEREAS**, said levy may only be imposed by a county, emergency medical service district, city or town, public hospital district, urban emergency medical service district, or fire protection district; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.32.480(1) provides that: “*A county legislative authority may adopt an ordinance creating an emergency medical service district in all or a portion of the unincorporated area of the county and, pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, within the corporate limits of any city or town ...*”; and

**WHEREAS**, subsection (3) of said statute provides that: “*The members of the county legislative authority shall compose the governing body of any emergency medical service district which is created within the county: PROVIDED, That where an emergency medical service district includes an area within the corporate limits of a city or town, the emergency medical service district may be governed as provided in an interlocal agreement adopted pursuant to chapter 39.34 RCW*”; and

**WHEREAS**, subsection (3) of said statute further provides that: “*The voters of an emergency medical service district must be registered voters residing within the service area*”;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that after considering this matter during public hearing having adequate and proper notice, and whereat written and oral comments were received, the Board of Asotin County Commissioners finds the creation of a rural emergency medical service district to be (a) in the public interest, and (b) necessary for the health and welfare of the residents and guests of, visitors to, and travelers through Asotin County;

**AND THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED** by the Board of County Commissioners, the legislative authority of and for the county of Asotin, state of Washington, in accordance with RCW 36.32.480,

**AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1.** A rural emergency medical service (“REMS”) district is hereby created in accordance with and as provided by RCW 36.32.480 to provide emergency medical services that include emergency medical rescue, and treatment and transportation of the ill and injured. This EMS district shall be hereafter known as “Asotin County Rural Emergency Medical Service (“REMS”) District No. 2”.
- Section 2.** The REMS District No. 2 shall encompass that portion of Asotin County, Washington – unincorporated – that is also located within the attached Exhibit A.
- Section 3.** The registered voters residing within the area described in Section 2 of the Ordinance shall be the voters of the REMS District No. 2.
- Section 4.** In the event that any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance shall be for any reason declared invalid or held unconstitutional by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected and shall continue in full force and effect.
- Section 5.** This Ordinance shall be of full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

**EMS BALLOT TITLE  
SIX YEAR LEVY LIMIT  
Asotin County Rural Emergency Medical Service District No. 2  
PROPOSITION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

Shall Asotin County Rural Emergency Medical Service District No. 2 be authorized to levy a regular property tax in the sum of \$ .15 (fifteen cents or less) per \$1,000 assessed valuation each year for six consecutive years beginning in 2021 to be collected for the provision of Emergency Medical Services, all as provided in Asotin County Rural Emergency Medical Service District No.2, Ordinance No. 152 and the Laws of the State of Washington RCW 84.52.069

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED** by the Board of Asotin County Commissioners meeting in regular session in Asotin, Washington, the \_\_\_ day of July, 2020 by the following vote \_\_ YEA, \_\_ NAY, \_\_ ABSTAIN and \_\_ ABSENT; then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Ben Nichols, Prosecuting Attorney

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Chris Seubert, Chairman

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Brian Shinn, Vice Chairman

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Chuck Whitman, Member

# Exhibit “A”

## **Preamble**

All that portion of Asotin County, Washington currently not covered by Emergency Medical Services (EMS), more particularly described as follows:

## **Description**

Beginning at the NW corner of Section 19 Township 10N Range 45E, Willamette Meridian, the Point of Beginning, thence east to the NE corner of the NW quarter of Sec 22 T10N R45E thence south to the SE corner of the NW quarter of Sec 27 T10N R45E thence east to the NE corner of the SE quarter of Sec 26 T10N R45E thence south to the NW corner of the SW quarter of Sec 36 T10N R45E thence east to the NE corner of the SE quarter of Sec 31 T10N R46E thence south to the NE corner of the SE quarter of Sec 6 T9N R46E thence east to the center of Sec 2 T9N R46E thence south to the SE corner of the SW quarter of Sec 2 T9N R46E thence east to the west bank of the Snake River thence south, following the west bank of the Snake River to the Washington/Oregon State Line in Sec 16 T6N R47E thence west along the Washington/Oregon State Line to the Garfield/Asotin County Line in Sec 18 T6N R43E thence north along the Garfield/Asotin County Line to the NW corner of Sec 6 T7N R43E thence east to the NE corner of Sec 4 T7N R43E thence north to the NW corner of Sec 3 T9N R43E thence east to the NE corner of Sec 5 T9N R44E thence north to the NW corner of Sec 33 T10N R44E thence east to the NE corner of Sec 34 T10N R44E thence north to the NW corner of Sec 26 T10N R44E thence east to the NE corner of Sec 25 T10N R44E thence north to the Point of Beginning.