



# NORTH COUNTRY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

YACOLT FIRE DEPARTMENT

P.O. BOX 189 • YACOLT, WASHINGTON 98675 • (360) 686-3271

April 10, 2017

Jeff Carothers, Mayor  
Town of Yacolt  
PO Box 160  
Yacolt, WA 98675

Dear Mayor Carothers:

At the North Country EMS Administrative Board meeting on January 26, 2017 it was approved to authorize submission to the voters a special excess levy for North Country EMS.

Approximately one third of North Country EMS' operating revenue is dependent upon an excess levy. This is not a new levy, but a continuation of the 2014 levy which had an overall voter approval rating of 81% across the three districts which make up North Country EMS.

Accordingly, I am enclosing a copy of two resolutions for the Town of Yacolt Council to act on in their capacity as Town of Yacolt EMS. The first resolution is for approval to place the measure on the August 1, 2017 ballot and the second is to run again on the November 7, 2017 ballot should the measure fail in August. Since the excess levy has been placed on the ballot there has never been a levy failure. However, because the deadline for the November ballot is the same day as the August election we will need approval to run in November should it not pass initially.

The resolution attached is explanatory of the amount requested and the purpose of the levy. It is an updated copy of the one we submitted in 2014. If you would like any additional information, please let me know.

I would appreciate a copy of the signed final resolution and any information on what further steps we need to take.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Ben Peeler  
Chief



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CLARK COUNTY  
WASHINGTON

## RESOLUTION COVER SHEET

This form MUST accompany each original or certified copy of the resolution. Contact person or persons should have the authority to approve change and to answer questions.

Name of District: Town of Yacolt EMS

District Address: PO Box 189 Yacolt, WA 98675

Date of Election: August 1, 2017

Contact Person: Ben Peeler Title: Chief

Contact Phone Number: 360-686-3271 Fax Number: 360-686-8127

Contact Email: b.peeler@northcountryems.org

2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Person: Kim Pitts Title: Finance & Admin. Mgr.

2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Phone Number: 360-686-3271

2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Email: k.pitts@northcountryems.org

Attorney for District: Low Ferreira

Attorney Phone Number: 503-294-9412

Attorney Email Address: lferreira@stocel.com

Type of election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): excess levy

Please state the pass/fail requirements for this measure (i.e. Simple Majority, 60% etc.) as determined by your legal counsel, together with applicable statutory references: Pursuant to

RCW 84.52.052, this ballot measure must receive at least 136 yes votes to meet validation requirements and must be approved by not less than a 60% majority of voters voting in the election.

The Town of Yacolt through North Country EMS seeks voter approval to impose an excess property tax levy to be collected in 2018 at an approximate amount of \$1.40 per One Thousand Dollars of assessed valuation. This levy replaces the 2014 levy and makes up one third (1/3) of the operating costs of the District. The purpose of this levy is to continue to provide emergency medical services and paramedic response at the current level to the residents of the Town of Yacolt for an estimated three (3) year period.

Submitted by:

Ben Peeler  
PO Box 189  
Yacolt, WA 98675  
360-686-3271

# Town of Yacolt Emergency Medical Service District No. 1

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Yacolt, Clark County, Washington, is proposing submission to the voters of the District at an election to be held therein on August 1, 2017, a proposition authorizing a levy to be made in 2017 for collection in 2018 upon all taxable property within the District of \$133,786, the estimated cost to be approximately \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in excess of the maximum tax levy specified by law for Emergency Medical Service Districts without a vote of the electors for the General Fund of the District. The proceeds of the levy are to be used for operating funds, maintenance and salaries of the North Country Emergency Medical Service for an estimated period of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, it is certain that the money which will be available for 2018-2020 will be insufficient to pay the costs of the Medical Program and to meet the other general expenses of the Emergency Medical Service District and that an additional tax levy of \$133,786 needs to be made for the purposes outlined above; and

WHEREAS, this situation requires that an election be held in the District; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council, Town of Yacolt, Clark County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby found and declared that a need exists requiring the calling of an election, and the County Auditor of Clark County, Ex-Officio supervisor of elections for said County, is hereby requested to find and declare the existence of such need. The Auditor is further requested and directed to call and conduct an election in the District in the manner provided by law to be held therein on August 1, 2017 between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm (D.T.) for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District for their approval or rejection the question whether or not a tax levy shall be made in 2017 for collection in 2018 upon all the taxable property of the District for the General Fund of the District of \$133,786 (the estimated cost to be approximately \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed valuation) in excess of the maximum tax levy provided by law for Emergency Medical Service Districts without a vote of the electors of the District, the proceeds thereof to be used for the sole purpose of continuing the operation, maintenance, and the staff salaries of the North Country Emergency Medical Service for an estimated three (3) year period.

PASSAGE REQUIREMENTS. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.052, this ballot measure must receive at least 136 YES votes to meet validation requirements and must be approved by not less than a 60% majority of voters voting in the election.

Section 2. The "Ballot Title" of the aforesaid proposition shall be as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROGRAM EXCESS LEVY

The Town Council, Town of Yacolt, Clark County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, referring to the voters the proposition described herein. This proposition allows the electors of the Town of Yacolt, to authorize a one-year excess levy to be made in 2017 for collection in 2018 in the total amount of \$133,786, at an approximate tax rate of \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with the proceeds of such excess levy to be used for maintenance, operation and staff salaries for the North Country Emergency Medical Service for an estimated three (3) year period. Should this tax levy be approved?

TAX LEVY . . . YES

TAX LEVY . . . NO

Section 3. The Clerk of the Town of Yacolt is directed to certify to the County Auditor of Clark County, Ex-Officio supervisor of elections of said County, a copy of this Resolution showing its adoption by the Town Council, at least 45 days prior to the date of such election, and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to the end that the question of whether or not said excess tax levy shall be made as herein provided for shall be submitted to the voters of Emergency Medical Service District at the aforesaid election.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Town of Yacolt

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Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member

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Council Member

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ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Attest:

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Clerk, Town of Yacolt

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Mayor

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Council Member

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