

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM AMENDING BMC 2.60.010 AND 2.60.020 RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County have successfully operated a County-wide emergency medical transportation system for several 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 the composition of the Emergency Medical and Ambulance Advisory Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:**

Bellingham Municipal Code Chapter 2.60 is hereby amended as follows:

**2.60.010 - Created - Composition**

There is created a joint, cooperative emergency medical and ambulance advisory board, consisting of the following persons:

- A. The Mayor of Bellingham;
- B. The Whatcom County Executive;
- C. One Mayor of an incorporated city, other than Bellingham, selected by the Small Cities Mayors' Association;
- D. One Bellingham City Council Member;
- E. One Whatcom County Council Member;
- F. Four Fire District Commissioners (one from each region);
- G. One Fire Chief selected by the Whatcom County Fire Chiefs' Association (non-voting);

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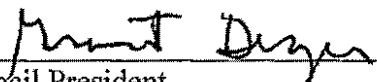
- H. The Bellingham Fire Chief or Fire Department Medical Services Officer (non-voting);
- I. The Medical Program Director (non-voting).

**2.60.020 - Duties Of The Board**

The board shall:

- A. Act to coordinate and improve ambulance and related medical transportation services throughout Whatcom County;
- 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. Advise the council and other agencies on improvements to ambulance services;
- E. Refer purely technical, operational, and medical matters to the appropriate fire chief or medical advisor.
- F. Hold at least two public meetings each year with the primary purpose of:
  - (1) Sharing progress and accomplishments from the previous year (March/April meeting); and
  - (2) Reviewing and commenting on projected budget and goals for the new year (August/September meeting).

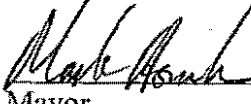
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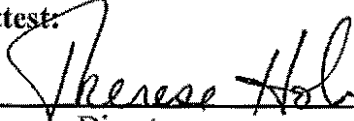
  
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APPROVED by me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2005.

  
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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Finance Director

Approved as to Form:

  
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