

2014 UNIFORM EMS ORDINANCE

INDEX OF CHANGES

The Index of Changes highlights those changes that are either housekeeping revisions to reflect the current system or proposed revisions.

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<p><u>Section ##</u> Opening</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping – References to Uniform EMS Ordinances adopted by participating jurisdictions. Removed Vancouver and added the City of Woodland. • Housekeeping – Change the effective date based on 2014 ambulance contract commencement. 	<p>1 & 2</p>
<p><u>Section .020</u> Definitions: Ambulance Patient Ambulance Service Ambulance Service Contract Emergency Medical Services Regulated Service Area Response Time Zones System Standard of Care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision – Revised to match state RCW definition. • Revision – Revised to match state RCW definition. • Revision – Added definition to clarify exclusive ambulance service market rights (see .025) • Revision – Added definition to clarify scope of EMS and match state RCW • Revision – Added within EMS District #2 • Housekeeping – Reflects where response time zones are defined. • Housekeeping – “Out-of-hospital” better describes role of EMS as part of the healthcare system verses “prehospital” that limits patient destination to the hospital. Corrections made to match current scope of authority of MPD and county EMS regulation. 	<p>3 3 3 4 6 6 6</p>
<p><u>Section .030</u> <u>Regulatory</u> Administrator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping – Added “Regulatory” administration to reflect same language in Interlocal were the County is the regulatory administrator and the District is the Contract Administrator. Added such activity carried out 	<p>7</p>

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	by CRESA's EMS Program via Interlocal to reflect current Interlocal Agreement language.	
<p><u>Section .040</u> <u>EMS Administrative Board Authority Contact Administration</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision – The revised title and added language better describes actual role of the EMS Administrative Board and EMS District #2 regarding ambulance contract administration. 	7
<p><u>Section .050</u> EMS Administrative Board Membership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision – Changes position #5 to a specific field of expertise (insurance) that's been historically represented on EMSAB and changes the appointing authority to the county as in the other four positions historically appointed by the county. 	8
<p><u>Section .080</u> Administrative Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision – Added language back into the ordinance (originally in 1992-06-26) to protect county from services operating in county under federal exemption. Also, such ambulance licensure and standards for staff, vehicles and permits is carried out by local jurisdictions¹. Previously this was delegated to the MPD whose responsibilities do not include licensing, vehicle permits and response time standards. • Revision – Additional requirements for B. Notification, C. Rule Adoption, and D. Effective Date added to reflect appropriate AR adoption process. 	9 - 11
<p><u>Section .0890</u> System Standard of Care –</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping – Ambulance licensure, EMS vehicle permits and response time monitoring 	

¹ RCW 36.01.095 states, "Any county may establish a system of emergency medical service as defined by RCW [18.73.030\(10\)](#) . . ." RCW 18.73.030 (10) states "Emergency medical service" means medical treatment and care which may be rendered at the scene of any medical emergency or while transporting any patient in an ambulance to an appropriate medical facility, including ambulance transportation between medical facilities."

Counties that provide EMS administrative and regulatory services typically provide: 1) a process for ambulance service licensure; 2) inspection and permitting of ambulances; 3) certification requirements, continuing education and quality improvement (under the MPD's authority); and 4) investigation and assessment of fines for violation of EMS administrative rules such as licensure, vehicle permits, staffing and equipment requirements.

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Medical Program Director Duties	is not authorized for the MPD under state law. Such authority would be the county's as the regulatory administrator.	11 -12
<u>Section .0905</u> System Standard of Care - Upgrades	Revision – Language added to allow city fire departments and fire districts to be involved in decisions impacting cost in providing first response.	13
<u>Section .095</u> Administrative Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping – Moved to .080 	13
<u>Section .110</u> Exemptions to Chapter Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping – Moved to .220 to show requirements before exemptions 	14 -15
<u>Sections .110 - .160</u> Ambulance Service License – Required; Issuance; Term; Denial, Suspension and Revocation: Conditions, Notice and Appeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision – These sections were removed in 2003 since this was delegated to the MPD which are not part of his state appointed duties or those within the county professional services contract. Surrounding counties have a county EMS (or equivalent) office that issue ambulance service licenses as a way of ensuring minimum standards of equipment, staffing and business licensure is met. It also provides added protection against an ambulance service trying to do business in the exclusive service area. Without such local licensure, a business can obtain a state license and operate anywhere within the state so long as it meets the minimum state requirements. (See Section .080) 	16 -19
<u>Section .170</u> Permits for Certain Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision – This section was removed in 2003 since this was delegated to the MPD which are not part of his state appointed duties or those within the county professional services contract. Surrounding counties have a county EMS (or equivalent) office conduct vehicle inspections and issue permits as a way of 	19

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	ensuring minimum equipment standards are being met. Without such local oversight, permits are issued by the state on a self-inspection/application basis.	
<u>Section .180</u> Certification for Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision – This section was removed in 2003 and is part of the state and county responsibilities for the MPD. Will need to review with the MPD to verify appropriate process outlined here. 	19 -20
<u>Sections .190</u> Certifications and Permits - Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision – (See Sections .170 and .180) 	20
<u>Section .200</u> Certifications and Permits – Denial, Suspension, Revocation and Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision – (See Sections .170 and .180) 	20
<u>Section .11220</u> Exemptions to Chapter Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping – Moved to from 110 to .220 to show requirements before exemptions 	23
<u>Section .240</u> Violation – Misdemeanor - Penalties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision – Added back in language that was removed in 2003 that outlines specific misdemeanor violations. This was removed when civil violations were removed and all violations became a misdemeanor. 	24
<u>Section .250</u> Violation – Civil - Continuing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision – This section was removed in 1995. Recommend adding civil violation provision in to allow for more than just a misdemeanor option. 	25-26
<u>Section .260</u> Civil Violation – Notice, Penalties and Appeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision – (See Section .250) 	26
<u>Section .270</u> Violation – Other Penalties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision – (See Section .250) 	26