

THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
VIRTUAL MEETING

**AGENDA**

February 17, 2021, 3:30 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. EMS Council January 20, 2021
  - B. Ops Committee February 4, 2021 (Informational Only)
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Operations Committee – Ops Chair or Representative
  - B. West Region EMS Council – WREMS Representative
  - C. Staff Report – <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>

VI. OLD BUSINESS

	ITEM	PRESENTER	EXPECTED OUTCOME
A.	Nominations Committee	TBA	Report
B.	EMSC Officer Election	McPhee	Election
C.	COVID-19 Immunization Update	Hardin/Miller-Todd	Information
D.	EMT Class Update	Hardin/Drewry	Information

VII. NEW BUSINESS

	ITEM	PRESENTER	EXPECTED OUTCOME
A.	Rescind ALS Fund Policy	Miller-Todd	Discussion
B.	Ambulance Ordinance, 6.16.110.B – Recommended Change	VanCamp	Approve
C.			
D.			

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER

X. ADJOURNMENT

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**February 17, 2021, 3:30 pm**

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**Thurston County Medic One  
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting  
Virtual – Zoom Meeting  
January 20, 2021**

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- PRESENT:** Cindy Hambly, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Tom Oliva, Renata Rollins, Sheila Fay, Paul Perz, Brian VanCamp, Margaret McPhee, Harry Miller, Stan Moon, Lenny Greenstein, JW Foster
- ABSENT:** Larry Fontanilla
- EXCUSED:** Gary Edwards
- GUESTS:** Brian Hurley, Chris Clem, Nicole Liu
- STAFF:** Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Daphne Reaves

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair McPhee called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 3:30 PM.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC** – (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve and this carried.

**I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. EMS COUNCIL – December 16, 2020 (Kirkbride/Perz) move to approve and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – January 7, 2021 (informational only)

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) The Training Advisory Committee is evaluating options on the automated OTEP platform – any changes to the current platform would not take place until next year. 2) Special Projects response time criteria was revised – see New Business, Item B. 3) Ben provided an update on the COVID vaccinations – see Old Business, Item B. 4) HPU contract – final form is ready to go out to the agencies. 5) Ops nominations committee was appointed, and a report will be presented at the February meeting. 6) Ambulance ordinance requires Ops review semi-annually so this will be on the Ops meeting agenda February and August of each year. 7) There was a meeting earlier this month regarding the Spring EMT course and a follow-up meeting is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>. Kurt added; at the December Fire Chiefs meeting it was asked that a course workgroup be formed, however when they met in early January there had not yet been an AAR (after action review) for the fall course. An AAR was performed, and this information will be brought to the follow-up work-group meeting scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- B. **WEST REGION:** Perz reported no meeting since the last EMSC meeting.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is available on the website. [Thurston County | Medic One | Committee Meeting Information \(thurstoncountywa.gov\)](https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov) Hardin said several items on the staff report are on the EMSC meeting agenda for today. One of the items is the EMS vaccination update, and Hardin asked for people to keep in mind that the vaccination process is continually changing. Hardin also mentioned that Stewart Mason, CMC representative on the Ops committee is no longer with CMC so Nicole Liu will be the interim until an interim is assigned as CMC tries to fill Stewart's position.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. BoCC Medic One Briefing – Levy Restoration – Hardin, Chair McPhee and Vice-Chair Moon presented the Medic One Levy Restoration recommendation to the BoCC on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Hardin presented to the council what was provided to the BoCC, which included some changes from what was shown to the EMSC in late 2020. The presentation will be emailed to the council members. The BoCC will consider this recommendation at part of a late January work group session and then it will most likely be placed on their agenda in March for formal action.
- B. EMS Vaccination Update – Miller-Todd provided an update on the COVID-19 vaccination process. EMS uniformed and non-uniformed personnel are eligible, and those that want their 1<sup>st</sup> dose. Next round of vaccinations will be held January 30<sup>th</sup> thru February 5<sup>th</sup> from 0800 – 0930. The council was provided with the locations. The vaccine offered is Moderna.
- C. Medic 2 Relocation – A location has been found in Yelm that meets the criteria to house a medic unit. Chief Brooks expects to have the medic unit in this location by the end of January.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Appoint Nominations Committee – Chair McPhee will contact those she will appoint to the committee.
- B. Special Projects Response Time Criteria – At the January Ops meeting it was approved to change the response time criteria from 'Agency Response Time' to 'ALS Response Time', and different scoring points were created.
- C. HPU (High Probability Unit) Contract - The concept of the HPU contract is to support surge capability within EMS in the event workforce is limited due to quarantines, or there is a surge in patients with transport requirements, that exceed capacity. The title "High Probability Unit" was selected because the units would have a high probability to transport COVID patients. (Kirkbride/Moon) move to accept the HPU concept for a recommendation to the BoCC, and this carried.
- D. Appoint Budget Committee – Chair McPhee appointed Kirkbride, Moon, Perz, and Ricks. Hardin said last year's budget committee worked on a bi-annual budget but in September of 2020 the BoCC changed the budget back to an annual budget, so a lot of work has already been done.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**

- VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Chair McPhee asked about reports from citizens committees regarding the levy, and Kurt will check into this. 2) Hardin said Medic One currently has approx., a 4-month stock of PPE, with a goal of 6 months. This is a continual work in progress.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

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**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL**

**February 4, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Larry Fontanilla, Brian Hurley, Keith Flewelling, Steve Brooks, Brian VanCamp, Malloree Fontanilla, Alex Christiansen, Mark John, Chris Clem, Russ Kaleiwahea, Jeff Dehan, Mark Gregory, Lou Ann Morriss, Kathy Pace

**ABSENT:** Mark John, Mark Gregory

**EXCUSED:**

**GUESTS:** Matt Gantenbein, Mark Nelson, Shawn Crimmins, Corey Rux, Kevin Bossard, Jennifer Schmidt

**STAFF:** Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 2:10 (est.). Staff recorded roll.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC** – (Brooks/Flewelling) move to approve and this carried.
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  1. Operations Committee – January 7, 2021 – (Flewelling/Brooks) move to approve and this carried.
  2. EMS Council – January 20, 2021 (informational only)
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. West Region EMS Council** – The council has not met since the last Ops meeting. Pace was at the last executive board meeting and she reported: 1) Reminder that Anne Benoist is retiring, and recruitment will start soon. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in her position, please contact Anne. 2) There is a virtual pediatric education offering on March 19<sup>th</sup>. 3) A PEARS (Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition and Stabilization) course is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> for BLS providers.
  - B. Subcommittees**
    1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No report.
    2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Crimmins reported: The January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was mostly about scheduling a meeting for the Active Shooter Workgroup, which met on February 3. This was well participated with representatives from Thurston County Sheriff's, Lacey PD, Olympia PD, Tumwater PD, WSP, along with dispatch, PSPH, and fire and EMS agencies. The group will look at the potential of having our own active shooter or hostile event plan that will sit outside of the MCI plan. The next meeting is scheduled for in-person on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm, with everyone masked and socially distanced. The meeting will also be held virtually.
    3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – TAC did not meet in January. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>.
    4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – There was a hospital diversion meeting two weeks ago. Diversion and round robin are working and there is good communication happening between both hospitals.
    5. ePCR Committee – No report.
  - C. Staff Report** – Staff report is located on the website at – <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. EMS Council Action Report** – Hardin reported – Hardin, the EMSC Chair and Vice-Chair, provided a levy restoration briefing to the BoCC on January 13<sup>th</sup>, with the EMSC recommendation to place the levy restoration ballot measure on the August primary election. The BoCC did not make a decision at the briefing because this was informational only. This was discussed further by the BoCC at a consolidated meeting for all potential levy and/or tax increase measures that could be coming up on the County ballot this year. There seemed to be favorable comments from the Commissioners regarding the Medic One levy. Hopefully this will be on the BoCC meeting agenda in March to move it forward. VanCamp reported – 1) Miller-Todd provided a vaccination process to the council. 2) There was a briefing to the ESMC on the HPU contract. 3) A budget committee was appointed.
- B. Nominations Committee** – Kaleiwahea reported – The current Chair and Vice-Chair have both expressed interest in remaining in these positions, and there were no other nominations. (Brooks/Flewelling) move to close the nominations and elect VanCamp as Chair and Gregory as Vice-Chair, and this carried.
- C. COVID-19 vaccination update** – There was success in getting a large number of law enforcement into the EMS vaccination clinics this week. Public Health is working with paramedics to get the vaccine to skilled nursing and assisted

living facilities for residents and staff. Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a vaccination clinic at station 34, with 1,100 doses. Tracking doses by county is available at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/COVID19/datadashboard.com>.

D. HPU Contract – This is scheduled to go before the BoCC on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Review Ambulance Ordinance – Brooks recommended changing the ordinance review to annual vs. semi-annual, with the review at the time of the ambulance application process. (Brooks/Fontanilla) move to approve changing the ambulance ordinance so the Ops Committee review will be annually, at the time of the ambulance application process, and this carried. This will go before the EMSC at their February meeting.

**VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Pace announced she will be retiring this spring and Mindy Churchwell with Airlift NW will replace her on the Ops Committee. 2) Hardin said staff is on the verge of approving the 2020 call stats – the numbers went down in 2020. 3) Due to COVID 19 restrictions, Medic One will be short on staff, specifically in the purchasing and requisition area, most likely for about 3 weeks. Agencies are asked to get supply orders in early because there may be a longer lead time needed to acquire the equipment or supplies.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:52.

## Chapter 6.16 - AMBULANCES

### Sections:

#### 6.16.010 - Definitions.

- A. "Ambulance" means any private vehicle that is especially designed, constructed, equipped, maintained or used for the transportation of patients which is operated as part of an ambulance service for hire.
- B. "Ambulance service" means any business involving ownership, operation, management or maintenance of any ambulance within Thurston County.
- C. "Medic One personnel" means any person who is acting on behalf of a fire department, regional fire authority, or a fire district and who has been certified as a paramedic, emergency medical technician, first responder, or advanced first aider.
- D. "Medical transport officer" means emergency response person who is responsible for patient transports.
- E. "Operations committee" means the operations committee of the emergency medical services council.
- F. "Patient" means an individual who is sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or helpless.
- G. "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, group of individuals acting together for a common purpose, or organization of any kind, including any governmental agency other than the United States.

(Ord. 10091 § 1, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

(Ord. No. [15505](#), 8-29-2017)

#### 6.16.020 - License required.

- A. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, no person shall operate an ambulance or ambulance service within unincorporated Thurston County, unless licensed to do so by Thurston County.
- B. No such license shall be issued unless:
  - 1. The application has fulfilled all applicable requirements of the laws of the state of Washington, including but not limited to Chapters 18.73 and 70.168 RCW and Chapter 246-976 WAC, as those chapters currently exist or are hereafter amended;
  - 2. The applicant has met all the requirements of this chapter, including standards and regulations recommended by the EMS Council and approved by the board of commissioners pursuant to this chapter.
- C. A license is not required for ambulances entering Thurston County solely for the purpose of transporting patients from Thurston County to a medical facility outside of Thurston County, or for ambulance service rendered during a disaster when determined by the Medical Transport Officer to be necessary to a specific incident.
- D. Each license shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.
- E. This chapter shall not be construed to preclude any city's requirement for a business license.

(Ord. 11941 § 1, 1999: Ord. 10091 § 2, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

#### 6.16.030 - License application and reapplication.

All applications to operate an ambulance or ambulance service shall be submitted with a one hundred dollar application fee to the Medic One office, 2703 Pacific Avenue SE, Suite C, Olympia, Washington, on forms provided by the Medic One office. If all requirements of this chapter and all standards and regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter have been met, the license application shall be approved by the board of county commissioners upon recommendation of the operations committee and the auditor shall issue the license. The application shall, at a minimum, contain the following information:

- A. Name, home address and telephone number of the applicant;
- B. Business name under which the ambulance service will be operated within the county, together with business address and telephone number;
- C. If the ambulance service is a corporation, the name and address of the officers and directors of such corporation, and in case of a partnership, the name and address of each general or limited partner;
- D. A description of each ambulance, including the make, model, year of manufacture, VIN number, together with current state license number; and the color scheme, insignia, name, monogram or other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate applicant's ambulance;
- E. The location(s) from which the ambulance service is intended to operate and the number of licensed medical attendants to be initially employed;
- F. List of current employees and evidence of emergency medical technician certification, for such employees, including the certification expiration date. The list shall be updated in writing quarterly and filed with the operations committee;
- G. Any changes in the information provided on the current application shall be submitted in writing to the Medic One office within ten working days of the changes;
- H. Application for renewal of licenses must be submitted with a fee of one hundred dollars by January 31st of each year;
- I. The operations committee shall have sixty days from the date of receipt to reject renewal applicants. Those applications not rejected within the sixty-day period shall be automatically renewed. The Operations Committee Chair shall inform the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) on all applications for informational purposes.

(Ord. 11941 § 2, 1999: Ord. 10091 § 3, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

(Ord. No. [15505](#), 8-29-2017)

#### 6.16.040 - Insurance.

- A. No ambulance service shall be issued a license until the operator has submitted to the operations committee a certificate of insurance for automobile liability insurance in a minimum amount of two million dollars and professional insurance in a minimum amount of one million dollars issued by an insurance company approved by the county. The insurer shall be a company licensed to do business in the state.
- B. Said insurance certificate shall be submitted to the operations committee approval prior to the issuance of each ambulance license. Satisfactory evidence that such insurance is at all times in full force and effect shall be furnished to the operations committee, in such form as may be specified, by all licensees required to provide such insurance under the terms of this chapter.
- C. Every insurance policy required under this section shall contain a provision for continuing liability thereunder to the full amount thereof, notwithstanding any recovery thereon, that the liability of the

insurer shall not be affected by the insolvency or the bankruptcy of the insured, and that, until the policy is revoked, the insurance company will not be relieved from liability on account of nonpayment of premium, failure to renew license at the end of the year, or any other act or omission of the name insured.

- D. Every insurance policy required under this section shall extend for the period to be covered by the license applied for, and the insurer shall be obliged to give not less than thirty days' written notice to the operations committee and to the insured before any cancellation or termination of the policy earlier than its expiration date, and the cancellation or other termination of any such policy shall automatically revoke and terminate any license issued for the ambulances covered by such policy, unless a substitute insurance policy complying with the provisions of this section shall be provided and be in effect at or prior to the time of such cancellation or termination.

(Ord. 10091 § 4, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

#### 6.16.050 - Filing of ambulance rates required.

- A. Each ambulance service licensed under this chapter shall, upon filing an application for licensure, file with the Medic One office its schedule of rates to be charged for its services, for the duration of the calendar year in which the license is to be issued. Thereafter, each ambulance service licensed under this chapter shall annually file with the Medic One office its schedule of rates to be charged for its services. Said annual rates schedule shall be filed on or before the first day of December of the year preceding the year for which the schedule is to be in effect. The schedules of rates shall be a matter of public record and open to public inspection in the Medic One office during normal business hours. Any revision during the calendar year shall be filed with the Medic One office at least thirty days prior to the rate change becoming effective. Any revisions filed with the Medic One office shall be open to public inspection.
- B. It is unlawful for any ambulance service, including any of its agents or employees, to charge, demand, collect or receive any greater rate of fare than those posted with the county Medic One office. It is unlawful for any ambulance service to charge for any service, equipment or supplies not provided by the ambulance service to the patient.
- C. It is unlawful for any ambulance service to transport a patient without advising the patient or person authorizing the transport, in advance of the transport, that they will be billed for transport services according to the rate schedule. A patient may be transported without said advisement only in circumstances when the delay in obtaining the authorization would be detrimental to the emergency care of the patient.
- D. In the rare circumstance where a Medic One Paramedic accompanies a patient on the private ambulance transport unit due to emergency circumstances, the private ambulance company shall bill Medic One according to their respective published rate schedules. Medic One will set their reimbursement rate schedule according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) rate schedule and shall publish this no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. No additional fee, charge, or other cost shall be submitted to the patient or their health care provider.

(Ord. 11941 § 3, 1999: Ord. 10091 § 5, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

#### 6.16.055 - Ambulance color scheme restrictions.

- A. The color scheme used by ambulance vehicles must be a color or color combination different than the color schemes reserved for Thurston County Medic One vehicles. The color schemes reserved for the exclusive use by Thurston County Medic One vehicles shall be: red vehicle and/or patient compartment with white or any color stripes(s) and/or white or any color lettering/graphics. No



lettering with the words Medic One, medic, Thurston County or fire department are allowed. No Medic One unique markings or logos are allowed.

- B. No change in ambulance color scheme or company identifying features will be allowed for the duration of the license. A change in the color scheme or company identifying features will require Notification to the Operations Committee.

(Ord. 11941 § 4, 1999)

#### 6.16.060 - License revocation.

- A. The Board of Thurston County commissioners may suspend or revoke any license issued under this chapter for failure of the licensee to comply with, or for the violation of, any provision, standard or requirement of this chapter or for any regulations promulgated hereunder. Prior to any such suspension or revocation, the board shall notify the licensee, in writing, of the intended action and of the opportunity to request a hearing concerning the proposed action within ten working days from the date of the notice. If a hearing is requested in writing by the licensee within said period, the proposed action shall not be taken, if at all, until after completion of the hearing.
- B. Any ambulance service may appeal to the board of county commissioners for review of the findings. Such appeal must be in writing and must be filed with the board of county commissioners within ten days of the license suspension or revocation shall be stayed until such time as the board has reviewed the findings and entered its decision. The stay shall not affect subsequent suspensions or revocations for subsequent violations.

(Ord. 10091 § 6, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

#### 6.16.070 - Recordkeeping.

Each licensee shall maintain complete and accurate records, which shall include information regarding requests for services and transportation of each patient within the county by the licensee. All such records shall be available for inspection at the Medic One office at all reasonable times.

(Ord. 10091 § 7, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

#### 6.16.080 - Availability of equipment and personnel.

Each licensee under this chapter shall maintain a minimum of two ambulances, at least one of which is staffed on a twenty-four hour basis.

(Ord. 10091 § 8, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

#### 6.16.085 - Ambulance personnel uniforms and identification.

It is unlawful for ambulance personnel to wear public agency uniforms while on duty for private ambulance companies. It is unlawful for private ambulance personnel to wear uniforms lettered with the words Medic One, medic, Thurston County or fire department. Personnel will identify themselves to the patient or person authorizing transport as personnel of the ambulance company they represent.

(Ord. 11941 § 5, 1999)

#### 6.16.090 - Inspections.

- A. An authorized representative of the county may conduct an inspection of a licensee upon the receipt of any complaint about said licensee. In addition to the inspections identified above, an authorized representative of the county may, during normal business hours, inspect the records, equipment and accessories of any licensee hereunder.
- B. Each licensee shall pay an inspection fee in the amount specified annually by the board of county commissioners for each inspection prompted by a complaint; provided, however, that no such inspection fee shall be paid if the board of county commissioners determines that the complaint was unwarranted or without substantial merit. All inspection fees shall be due and payable within ten days of the date of the inspection.

(Ord. 10091 § 9, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

#### 6.16.100 - Medic One—Ambulance dispatch.

- A. In order to provide optimum patient care in Thurston County and release Medic One aid cars to respond to other emergency calls, when needed, the ambulance service whose base station or branch office is located nearest the incident may be called by Thurston County central dispatch as determined by Medic One personnel at the scene. If central dispatch is unable to contact an ambulance service or an ambulance service cannot respond immediately, then the next nearest ambulance service may be contacted. This referral service does not preclude a patient from requesting that a specific ambulance service be dispatched.
- B. This referral service does not prevent a fire district or city from contracting with a private ambulance service from transportation exclusively in their jurisdiction.
- C. No effort shall be made by the licensee to assume the custody of a patient before release of custody has been made by Medic One personnel in charge at the scene.

(Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

#### 6.16.110 - Operations committee.

- A. The operations committee shall act as an advisory committee to the Thurston County Emergency Medical Services council and Board of County Commissioners regarding the administration of this chapter.
- B. The operations committee shall meet ~~at least semi~~annually to review and recommend amendments to this chapter to the board of county commissioners. The operations committee will meet with all Thurston County licensed ambulance companies regarding any proposed amendments. The committee may recommend new or different equipment to be required of ambulance services.

(Ord. 10091 § 10, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

(Ord. No. [15505](#), 8-29-2017)

#### 6.16.120 - Violation—Penalty.

- A. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate or attempt to operate an ambulance or ambulance service without first complying with the provisions of this chapter, including all standards and regulations adopted by Thurston County pursuant to this chapter. Any person, firm or corporation convicted of violating any provisions of this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars. Each day during which any person, firm or corporation is in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a separate violation.

- B. According to established administrative procedures, the operations committee, who has solicited a quorum vote, may issue a cease and desist order prohibiting an ambulance service from operation within Thurston County, or such other order as deemed appropriate, determined by the circumstances of the violation(s).

(Ord. 10091 § 11, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.130 - Variances.

- A. The operations committee shall have the authority to grant variances from the provisions of these rules and regulations, when in the opinion of the operations committee, the criteria set forth in subsection B of this section have been found to exist. In such cases, a variance may be granted which is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the ambulance ordinance and the public health, safety and welfare is secured. Variances may be granted for a period of no more than one year.
- B. Before any variance may be granted, it shall be shown:
  - 1. There are special circumstances applicable to the provider or the geographic area served that do not apply generally to other providers or geographic areas;
  - 2. That the literal interpretation of the ambulance ordinance would be detrimental to the public health, safety, and/or welfare;
  - 3. That the proposed variance will not be inconsistent with the general purpose and intent of the ambulance ordinance;
  - 4. The applicant shall have the burden of proving the above specified criteria and the lack of opposition to the request shall not negate this requirement.
- C. Requests for variances shall be made to the operations committee in writing. Any appeals from decisions of the operations committee shall be made in writing to the board of county commissioners within ten days of the decision.

(Ord. 10091 § 12, 1992)