

THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ REGULAR MEETING
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

AGENDA

February 4, 2021, 2:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
 - II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Operations Committee - January 7, 2021
 - B. EMS Council - January 20, 2021 (Informational Only)
 - V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. West Region EMS Council
 - B. Subcommittees
 - 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Chair or Representative
 - 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Chair or Representative
 - 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Chair or Representative
 - 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – Chair or Representative
 - 5. ePCR Committee – Chair or Representative
 - C. Staff Report - <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>
 - VI. OLD BUSINESS
- | ITEM | PRESENTER | EXPECTED OUTCOME |
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| A. EMS Council Action Report | VanCamp | Information |
| B. Nominations Committee | Kaleiwahea | Report |
| C. Operations Committee Officer Elections | VanCamp | Election |
| D. COVID-19 Vaccination Update | Hardin/Miller-Todd | Update |
| E. HPU Contract | Hardin | Update |
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
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| A. Review Ambulance Ordinance | VanCamp | Discussion |
- VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER
 - IX. ADJOURNMENT

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**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL
January 7, 2021**

PRESENT: Larry Fontanilla, Brian Hurley, Keith Flewelling, Steve Brooks, Brian VanCamp, Mallore Fontanilla, Alex Christiansen, Mark John, Chris Clem, Russ Kaleiwahea, Jeff Dehan, Mark Gregory, Stewart Mason

ABSENT:

EXCUSED: Kathy Pace

GUESTS: Tony Kuzma, Mike Buchanan, Shawn Crimmins, Chief Bossard, Jennifer Schmidt

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Anna Lee Drewry

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair VanCamp called the meeting to order at 2:00. Staff recorded roll.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC** – (Clem/Gregory) move to approve and this carried.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. Operations Committee – December 3, 2020 – (Hurley/Brooks) move to approve and this carried.
 2. EMS Council – December 16, 2020 (informational only)
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **COVID-19 Update:** See Old Business, Item C. COVID-19 Update will be removed from committee reports on future agendas.
 - B. **West Region EMS Council** – The council met on December 2nd and Clem reported: 1) Lori Clary, Prevention Coordinator took a full-time job with DOH. There is no plan at this time as to when the position will be filled. 2) The WEMIS SWOT analysis was reviewed and will be forwarded to the State. 3) There was review of the report to DOH which was mostly progress updates on the strategic plan. A good amount of work on the strategic plan was delayed due to events over the past year. 4) The budget was amended to reflect the fact that there will not be a 2021 conference.
 - C. **Subcommittees**
 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No report.
 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No report.
 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Chris Clem reported: 1) The committee is still working on identifying a long-term OTEP platform. There was a joint meeting this morning with the fire training officers. Both sides would like to explore benefits from sharing a system between OTEP and the fire training side. There could be some logistical challenges in doing this. A couple of pros would be the cost savings and eliminating the number of logins for the end user. The front runner of platforms at this time is EMSI Academy, which is tied into ESO. The decision at the end of the meeting was to move forward with the OTEP platform and if individual agencies would like to jump on board then we could move forward with that.
 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – PSPH and Capital Medical Center met with Medic One on December 11th. There has been an improvement with the round robin process as well as cooperation between both hospitals when both hospitals go on divert. Both hospitals agree with taking the lead on working through issues with diversion and round robin.
 5. ePCR Committee – No report.
 - D. **Staff Report** – Staff report is located on the website. Chief Gregory asked about Medic 2 being taken out of the response zone. Chief Brooks reported that LFD3 is working on getting M2 back into the response zone as soon as possible, however it will be an alternative spot to Station 21. Chief Brooks hopes to have this accomplished by the end of January. Currently the unit is at Station 32.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EMS Council Action Report – VanCamp reported – 1) WREMS issues were discussed. 2) Ben Miller-Todd explained the COVID vaccination process. 3) 2021 ambulance applications and OFD service verification change were both approved by the council.
- B. Special Projects Response Time Criteria – (Brooks/Hurley) move to approve changing the special project application to requesting ALS response time, rather than AGENCY response time, and changing the

scoring criteria of response time to: 1 – 10 minutes = 0 points; 10 – 20 minutes = 1 point; and > 20 minutes = 2 points, and this carried. Medic One will make this adjustment before 2021 applications are sent out.

C. COVID-19 vaccination – Ben Miller-Todd provided an overview on the COVID-19 vaccination process. A survey was sent out to all providers and an overwhelming number said they would receive the vaccine and they would be willing to help vaccinate their peers and Thurston County community members. Ben said the vaccination process has gone very smoothly with only a couple of providers experiencing a strange sensation, which didn't last long.

D. HPU Contract – Hardin reported: Medic One sent all agencies recommended changes to Risk Management and the Prosecuting Attorney's office for review. Some requested changes from the agencies were approved and some were not. Chair VanCamp asked if a version of the final agreement showing tracked changes could be sent out to the agencies.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appoint Nominations Committee – VanCamp appointed Chief Kaleiwahea, Kathy Pace and Tony Kuzma, with Chief Kaleiwahea as Chair. The committee will report back at the February meeting.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – 1) Chair VanCamp provided information on the ambulance ordinance which specifically asks for the Ops Committee to review the ordinance semi-annually. The February and August Ops meeting agenda will reflect this. 2) Chair VanCamp said there was a meeting on the 4th discussing the future of the next EMT course and some of the logistical problems that were encountered with the hybrid process. The meeting included discussion on whether there was a need for an EMT class in the spring of 2021 and if so, how could this be accommodated. There will be a follow-up meeting later this month, and the goal is for a decision to be made in February on whether a class can be held effectively. Anna Lee said there is an AAR meeting on the 12th and a report will be sent out on the AAR before the work group meeting on the 25th. 3) Stewart Mason reported that CMC has been acquired by Multi-Care and this should be completed by the end of the first quarter 2021.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:49.

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

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 25th. 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 25th.
- 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/committees/medic-one) 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 13th. 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 1st dose. Next round of vaccinations will be held January 30th thru February 5th 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 15751

AN ORDINANCE OF THE THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 6.16, SECTIONS 6.16.010, 6.16.030, 6.16.040, 6.16.050, 6.16.055, 6.16.100 OF THE THURSTON COUNTY CODE

WHEREAS, The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners adopted revisions to the original Thurston County Title 6, Ordinance No. 10091, on June 15, 1992, ordinance No. 7928, on November 6, 1984, Ordinance No. 11941 on May 24, 2009, and Ordinance No. 15505 on August 29, 2016, consistent with RCW 18.73; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County Medic One would like to correct the current Ordinance for any grammar and spelling errors, update fees and liability insurance requirements, and establish reimbursement rates for private ambulance transports with an accompanying paramedic.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THURSTON COUNTY DOES ORDAIN TO ADOPT REVISIONS AS FOLLOWS:

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 1st 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 semiannually 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)

DATED: April 9, 2019

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Thurston County, Washington

Laborita J. Bertram
Clerk of the Board

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Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Vice-Chair

JON TUNHEIM
Prosecuting Attorney

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Commissioner

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BY: RICK PETERS
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney