



Item: Ordinance 3025 to Create the Cascade Community Health District.

From: City/County Health Department

Initiated By: City/County Health Department

Presented By: Rich Cornwell, CPA Administrative Services Manager of City-County Health Department and Michael Young, Chairman, Board of Directors, Community Health Care Center, Inc.

Action Requested: City Commission accept Ordinance 3025 on first reading and set final reading for November 18, 2008.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move the City Commission (accept/deny) Ordinance 3025 on first reading and set final reading for November 18, 2008.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation: To enable the expansion of public health services to the public throughout the City of Great Falls and County of Cascade, it is recommended the City Commission adopt Ordinance 3025 to create a multijurisdictional health service district, i.e., Cascade Community Health District.

Background: The ever greater expansion of the need for public health services necessitates greater flexibility and independence of operations by the City/County Health Department. Creation of a multijurisdictional health service district, pursuant to 7-11-1101, et seq., MCA, will enable the newly created Cascade Community Health District to assume such flexibility and independence to provide expanded health services throughout the City of Great Falls and County of Cascade. Adoption of Ordinance 3025 between the City of Great Falls and the County of Cascade will enable the creation of such a multijurisdictional service district.

Concurrences: The City/County Health Department and Benefis Healthcare recommend adoption.

Fiscal Impact: No City mill levy is anticipated.

Alternatives: The continuation of the current City/County Health Department with restricted services.

Attachments/Exhibits: Ordinance#3025