



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 adopt Ordinance 3025 on final reading.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move the City Commission (adopt/deny) Ordinance 3025, as amended, to create the Cascade Community Health District.

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.

Amendments: Subsequent to the acceptance of Ordinance 3025 on first reading, the Cascade County Treasurer advised the City that the current County mill levy has been five mills and not the 3.62 mills stated in the first reading of Ordinance 3025 thereby requiring an amendment. No mill levy for the City of Great Falls is required. Therefore, the amendment is not a substantive change relative to the City of Great Falls.

Further, it is deemed appropriate to add the word SERVICES to Section 2 of Ordinance 3025 relative to CCHD activities within the boundaries of the proposed District. The amendment is not substantive because SERVICES is deemed synonymous with FUNCTIONS as stated in the first reading of Ordinance 3025.

Attachments/Exhibits: Ordinance#3025