



**Item:** Interlocal Agreement 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 approve the Interlocal Agreement

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**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move the City Commission (approve/deny) the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Great Falls and Cascade County to create the Cascade Community Health District and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.”

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

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**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 the Interlocal Agreement to create a multi-jurisdictional health service district, i.e., Cascade Community Health District.

**Background:** The ever greater expansion of the need for public health service 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. The adoption of Ordinance 3025 has authorized the approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Great Falls and the County of Cascade that will enable the creation of such multijurisdictional service district.

The Interlocal Agreement provides that the City and County shall delegate their respective authority to administer health related programs to the Board of Health (paragraph 4); that all City and County health services should be integrated into the District (paragraph 6), that District funding shall be through revenues and fees generated by health services and functions and by County assessments and appropriations and gifts and grants (“paragraph”).

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

**Fiscal Impact:** Pursuant to paragraph 11 of the Agreement, no City mill levy is anticipated.

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

**Attachments/Exhibits:** Interlocal Agreement (Not available online; on file in City Clerk’s Office.)