

CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS THE POMPANO BEACH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT; WITH BOUNDARIES COTERMINUOUS WITH THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH; PROVIDING THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE POMPANO BEACH CITY COMMISSION SHALL COMPRIZE THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID DISTRICT; DEFINING "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES"; SETTING FORTH THE PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR FISCAL MANAGEMENT OF THE DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY CENTS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF NON-EXEMPT ASSESSED VALUATION; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE CREATION OF THE DISTRICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of the City of Pompano Beach currently provides certain rescue services for persons stricken with sudden illnesses or otherwise injured within the City; and,

WHEREAS, there exists a need to augment said rescue services by providing emergency medical services by paramedical personnel to administer medication and otherwise take steps to stabilize the condition of critically ill patients prior to transportation to a hospital, said medication and treatment being administered upon instructions of a physician at a hospital who is in contact with said paramedics by radio and who monitors the condition of said patient by means of telemetry equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach has determined that the creation of a special taxing district is the best alternative available for delivering said emergency medical services; now therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: District created and boundaries established.

In order to effectuate the intent and purpose of this ordinance, which is to provide a means of delivering emergency medical services as hereinafter defined, the Pompano Beach Emergency Medical Services District is hereby created and established. The boundaries of said District shall be the boundaries of the City of Pompano Beach as they now exist or as hereafter amended.

SECTION 2: Governing Body

The Board of Commissioners of the District shall be the governing body of the District and shall exercise the powers granted to the District under this Ordinance. The Board of Commissioners of the District shall consist of the members of the City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach who shall serve ex-officio. The terms of the Board shall coincide with the terms of the City Commission. The Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the District. The City Manager of the City of Pompano Beach shall be ex-officio the Chief Executive Officer of the District. The Finance Director of the City of Pompano Beach shall be ex-officio the Treasurer of the District. The City Clerk of the City of Pompano Beach shall be ex-officio the Clerk of the District. The Clerk shall keep a permanent record book in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, and any and all official acts. Such record book shall be kept at the office

of the City Clerk of the City of Pompano Beach. Rules of procedure for meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the District shall be as set forth in the Charter and Code of Ordinances of the City of Pompano Beach or as otherwise adopted by the City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach for conduct of meetings of the City Commission.

SECTION 3: Purpose.

The purpose of the District shall be to provide, by whatever means is deemed most appropriate by the Board of Commissioners, emergency medical services within the boundaries of the District and by contract outside the boundaries of the District when such contracts are deemed by the Board of Commissioners to be in the best interest of the District.

SECTION 4: Definition.

"Emergency Medical Services" is defined as emergency diagnostic and treatment services rendered to any ill or injured person at the scene of the onset of illness or injury. Said services are rendered by paramedical personnel who perform such services at the direction of a medical practitioner at a remote location who is kept apprised of the condition of the ill or injured person by voice radio communication and telemetered physiological data.

SECTION 5: Powers.

The District shall be a body corporate and politic, and shall have the power to sue and be sued; to contract and

be contracted with; to adopt and use a common seal; to purchase, hold, lease or otherwise acquire and convey such real property and personal property and interest therein as may be necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance; to appoint and employ such employees as the Board may deem advisable; to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance by directly providing the required services, by contracting with any agency, governmental or otherwise, for the delivery of the required services, by arranging to reimburse the City of Pompano Beach for all expenses necessarily incurred by the City in providing the required services with City personnel, or in any other manner deemed appropriate and expedient by the Board of Commissioners of the District; to enter into contracts for the providing of emergency medical services outside the boundaries of the District when such contracts are deemed by the Board of Commissioners to be in the best interest of the District.

SECTION 6: Fiscal Management.

(1) The Fiscal Year of the District shall coincide with that of the City of Pompano Beach.

(2) All funds of the District shall be received, held, and secured as other public funds by the appropriate fiscal officers of the City of Pompano Beach. The funds of the District shall be maintained under a separate account, shall be used only for the purposes herein authorized and shall be appropriated only by direction of or with the approval of the Board of Commissioners of the District.

SECTION 7: Levy of Ad Valorem Tax.

For the Fiscal Year of the District beginning with October 1, 1975, and for each fiscal year thereafter, an ad valorem tax may be levied annually by the Board of Commissioners of the District for the purposes of financing the operation of the District on all non-exempt property subject to ad valorem taxation located within the boundaries of the District. The tax base shall be the assessed valuation made annually by the County Tax Assessor. The rate shall not exceed one-half (0.50) of one mill on each dollar of tax base; provided, however, that the said limitation can be increased by vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the District voting in a referendum election called by the Board of Commissioners of the District. Such a referendum shall be solely on the question of any increase in millage and shall not be construed to be a repeal of the original referendum hereinafter provided for. The tax shall be collected by the County when and in the same manner in which the City of Pompano Beach ad valorem taxes are collected, with the same discounts for early payment. The County Tax Official shall pay the proceeds to the Treasurer of the District for the account of the District.

SECTION 8: Referendum.

This Ordinance shall not become effective, and the special taxing district provided for herein shall not be created unless the creation of the District is approved by a majority of the qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the proposed district voting on the question at a referendum election to

be held to coincide with the General Election of the City of Pompano Beach on Tuesday, February 18, 1975. Any person residing within the geographical boundaries of the proposed District who is qualified to vote in State and County elections shall be eligible to vote in the referendum election to be held for approval or rejection of this ordinance. A Notice of said referendum election shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Pompano Beach at least fifty (50) days prior to the election and again once each week for four successive weeks immediately prior to the election. The Notice of the referendum election shall set forth the title and the number of this ordinance and state where the ordinance in verbatim may be reviewed. The ballot to be submitted to the electors in the referendum election shall not require the setting forth of the ordinance in full but a brief reference to the general contents hereof and the number of the ordinance shall be sufficient. The question on the referendum election ballot shall be:

"FOR CREATION OF THE POMPANO BEACH EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT:
AGAINST CREATION OF THE POMPANO BEACH EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT."

SECTION 9: Severability.

If any section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such holding shall not affect or invalidate

any other section or provision which is not of itself
invalid.

SECTION 10: Effective Date.

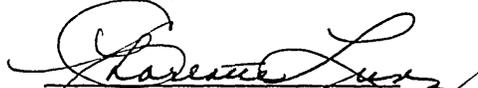
This Ordinance shall become effective at such
time as the City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach
has canvassed the returns of the Special Referendum Elec-
tion provided for herein and declares that a majority of
the electors voting at such election have approved the
creation of the District.

PASSED FIRST READING this 23 day of December,
1974.

PASSED SECOND READING this 30 day of December,
1974.


J. KENNETH WILLIAMS, Mayor

ATTEST:


CHARLOTTE LUNZ, City Clerk

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