

## RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOUSE, WASHINGTON, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO RCW 39.04.280(3) DUE TO AN INOPERABLE AMBULANCE AND AUTHORIZING EXPEDITED PROCUREMENT ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Palouse is responsible for providing essential public safety services to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents in coordination with District No. 4 under the Joint Fire Board Agreement dated January 1st, 1998, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City and District jointly operate one ambulance to provide emergency medical services for the City of Palouse, including ambulance response and transport, are an essential public service necessary to preserve life and respond to medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS the City's ambulance has become inoperable due to mechanical failure, rendering it unavailable for emergency response as of February 12, 2026, and creating an immediate and ongoing risk to public health and safety; and;

WHEREAS, the lack of an operable ambulance significantly increases emergency response times and places residents, visitors, and emergency responders at heightened risk of serious injury or death; and

WHEREAS, formal bidding cannot be completed swiftly enough to address this threat; and

WHEREAS, RCW 39.04.280(3) authorizes the waiver of competitive bidding requirements in the event of an emergency when such emergency poses a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions or the preservation of public health or safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the inoperable condition of the City's ambulance constitutes an emergency as defined under RCW 39.04.280(3); and

WHEREAS, expeditious procurement of a replacement ambulance is necessary to restore essential emergency medical services without delay;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Palouse, Washington, as follows:

1. An emergency is hereby declared effective February 12, 2026, due to the inoperability of the City's only ambulance, which poses an immediate threat to public health and safety and the City's ability to provide essential emergency medical services.
2. The City is authorized to procure a replacement ambulance on an expedited basis, without formal competitive bidding, at an approximate cost not to exceed **\$15,452.00**, consistent with RCW 39.04.280(3).
3. The Mayor is authorized to negotiate and execute necessary contracts related to the procurement of the replacement ambulance, subject to final budget approval by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Palouse on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

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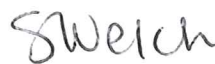
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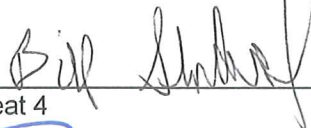
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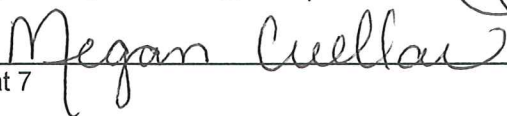
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