

Canby Fire District No. 62

ORDINANCE 22-001

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A FIRE CODE REQUIREMENT FOR LARGE EVENT ORGANIZERS TO PROVIDE ONSITE MEDICAL CARE AND EVALUATION FOR MEDICAL NEEDS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE 911 DEPLOYMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES RENDERED BY CANBY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 62.

WHEREAS, Canby Rural Fire District No. 62, (the “District”) provides emergency medical evaluation, care, treatment, and ambulance services (“Emergency Services”); and

WHEREAS, events where a large number of persons congregate (“Large Events”), as further defined below in Section 2, create a demand for non-emergent medical services, and those services are provided by the District to Large Event organizers through 911 calls for Emergency Services, which in turn increases demands on all operational aspects of the District and negatively affects the ability of the District to respond to Emergency Services calls; and

WHEREAS, the District has investigated strategies to address the high demand for non-emergent services caused by Large Events while maintaining the District’s capability to provide a high level of quality Emergency Services throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, raising real property taxes through local option taxes or bonded indebtedness to meet the increase in service demands would not be fair to the property owners within the District when a significant number of Large Events involve individuals not owning property or paying taxes in the jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the District has considered implementation of fees on Large Event organizers for the services pursuant to authority granted under ORS 478.410(6), and in lieu of fees to cover the costs for the services if provided by the District, has decided that it is fairer and more equitable to require Large Event organizers to control and provide the non-emergent medical services; and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors desires to implement a fair and equitable procedure by which Large Event organizers are required to provide non-emergent medical services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CANBY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 62:

SECTION 1: This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the District’s authority under ORS 478.920 (6) to adopt Fire Code provisions. The purpose of this Ordinance is to

supplement the District's Fire Code by establishing minimum requirements for providing a reasonable level of life safety as authorized by ORS 478.910 et. seq. This Ordinance shall be filed in the records of the District and with Oregon State Fire Marshal's office as prescribed by ORS 478.940. A copy shall be posted at each fire station within the District. From the date on which this Ordinance shall take effect, provisions thereof shall be controlling within the territorial limits of the District and within each city and county within the District approving pursuant to ORS 478.924.

SECTION 2: Large Event organizers shall have a medically trained and properly licensed person with a scope of practice that demonstrates the ability to make initial assessments, acquire vital signs, control life threatening hemorrhage, perform CPR, and recognize drug overdoses, and shall be equipped with appropriate medical supplies, including an AED, and communication connectivity to event organizer and capable of calling 911.

Medical personnel shall be always present on-site when the expected assembly of the event has equal to or more than 150 total persons, which number includes staff, vendors, and expected attendees at an event within the boundaries of the District. A second medically trained person shall be required for each additional 500 persons expected or present at the event. All costs of providing medical personnel, training, and supplies shall be born solely by the event organizer.

SECTION 3: For good cause, and in its discretion, the District may exempt a Large Event organizer or modify the requirements of this Ordinance. This Ordinance does not apply to Large Events sanctioned through the Oregon School Activities Association or by City of Canby, which the District has planned for and obtains fees to cover the costs through property taxes. The Fire Chief, or the Fire Chief's designee, may make rules or regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: The requirements of this Ordinance are in addition to, and intended to supplement, those required under the District's Fire Code.

SECTION 5: It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Directors concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in open meetings of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in accordance with all legal requirements, and the Policies of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6: If any term of this Ordinance is to any extent deemed invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced, such term shall be excluded to the extent of such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability; all other terms hereof shall remain in full force and effect; and, to the extent permitted and possible, the invalid or unenforceable term shall be deemed replaced by a term that is valid and enforceable and that comes closest to expressing the intention of such invalid or unenforceable term.

