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Deputy Chief Samantha Morey  
West Valley Fire District  
825 NE Main Street  
Willamina, Oregon 97396

Re: Request for Oregon Health Authority Waiver

Dear Deputy Chief Morey:

On behalf of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners, I am writing this letter to state that Yamhill County does not object to West Valley Fire District's reduced staffing for third and fourth responding ambulances. Our understanding is that, under OAR 333-255-0072(2)(a), in order for West Valley to obtain approval of the requested reduction from the Oregon Health Authority, county sign-off is required.

The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved this request at its formal session meeting held on June 22, 2017 by Board Order 17-238.

Sincerely,

Stan Primozych, Chair  
Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

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Board of Yamhill County Commissioners,

Due to reduced staffing and an increase in call volume, West Valley Fire District is requesting a waiver on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> responding ambulances. West Valley Fire District already exceeds our ASA requirements by providing two ambulances 24 hours a day. Issues arise from time to time when multiple 911 calls happen at the same time. When we have a paramedic respond from home often there is no EMT available for staffing, just a qualified driver.

Currently we have three people that have completed their EMT class and are waiting for their licenses so this issue should be minimized. The lack for providing a qualified ALS ambulance for these calls is an issue we do not take lightly and are constantly trying to rectify this not only for West Valley Fire District but for the citizens we serve throughout our ASA.

West Valley plans to follow all guidelines set forth by OAR 333-255-0072 in regards to transporting with a qualified driver and not an EMT including all documentation sent to OHA. West Valley has received approval from the Yamhill County ASA Committee along with our Physician Advisor. West Valley is now seeking approval from the Yamhill County Commissioners. Oregon Health Authority requires written approval from the County Commissioners in order to proceed with the waiver.

West Valley Fire District would appreciate your consideration of this matter and would be happy to answer any questions you may have, thank you.

Samantha Morey,

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