

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

In the Matter of Declaring a County State of	)	
Emergency due to Foreseeable Lack of Adequate	)	RESOLUTION 21-09-16-1
Resources to Respond to Basic needs for Health,	)	BOARD ORDER 21-385
Safety and Emergency Services	)	

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF YAMHILL COUNTY, OREGON (the "Board") sat for the transaction of county business in formal session on September 16, 2021 at 10:00a.m., via Zoom, Commissioners Mary Starrett, Lindsay Berschauer and Casey Kulla being present.

WHEREAS, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has exhausted many providers of core public services, including first responders, healthcare providers, educators and related staff, emergency service providers, and public safety providers; and

WHEREAS, the recent surge of COVID-19 cases, due to the Delta variant, has further strained the delivery of those public services and has filled regional hospitals with COVID-19 patients; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address this new surge, the State of Oregon has attempted to further increase the percentage of Oregonians who are vaccinated against COVID-19 by imposing vaccine mandates for certain sectors, including education, healthcare, emergency services and state workers; and

WHEREAS, while some Oregonians have received the COVID-19 vaccine as a result of the state mandate, other workers subject to the state mandate have left or are expected to leave employment rather than receive the COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners anticipates that Executive Order 21-29 mandating vaccinations for state executive branch employees, OAR 333-019-1010 mandating vaccinations for healthcare providers and staff, and OAR 333-019-1030 mandating vaccinations for teachers and school staff will have a detrimental impact on the delivery of healthcare, education, public safety and emergency services within Yamhill County; and

WHEREAS, ORS 401 et. seq. and Yamhill County Ordinance 883 authorize the Board to declare that an emergency exists within the county and to prepare for and carry out any activity to prevent, minimize, respond to or recover from such emergency.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners formally declares that, in accordance with ORS 401 et.seq. and Ordinance 883, a State of Emergency is hereby declared within Yamhill County due to the immediately foreseeable lack of adequate resources to deliver basic health, safety and emergency services; and
2. ORS 401 et. seq. and Ordinance 883 provide the bases for invoking this declaration of emergency, which shall continue until December 31, 2021 unless extended or earlier terminated by the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners upon a finding that the emergency conditions no longer exist; and
3. The Board of Commissioners requests that the State of Oregon immediately withdraw its vaccine mandates to prevent further exhaustion and departure of providers of core public services, including first responders, healthcare providers, educators and related staff, emergency service providers, and public safety providers, that are essential for the safety and well-being of Oregonians living in, visiting and traveling through Yamhill County.

DONE this 16th day of September 2021.



YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner, Chair

MARY STARRETT

Commissioner, Vice-Chair

LINDSAY BERSCHAUER

Voted "No"

Commissioner,

CASEY KULLA