

RESOLUTION NO. 11-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TAXING DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO §200.066, FLORIDA STATUTES AND CHAPTER 80-585, LAWS OF FLORIDA, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 80-585, Laws of Florida, as amended (the “Act”), created a countywide emergency medical services (“EMS”) taxing district to provide emergency medical services as defined in the Act, which was subject to and subsequently approved by referendum of the electorate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority (“Authority”) as the governing body of this special taxing district, authorizes the creation of districts within the countywide special taxing district, and authorizes the levy of ad valorem taxes not exceeding a maximum of 1.5 mills within the designated districts based upon the needs of such districts for emergency medical services as defined in the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, since its creation, the countywide EMS special taxing district has levied a uniform millage throughout Pinellas County for emergency medical services authorized in the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 10-154 established the boundaries of the several EMS sub-districts in order to provide for emergency medical services within the countywide special taxing district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) desires to establish the EMS sub-districts as EMS sub-district taxing units pursuant to Section 2(10) of the Act, and §200.066, Florida Statutes, as provided herein, while preserving the countywide EMS special taxing district.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, in regular session duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, as follows:

Section 1. The existing countywide EMS special taxing district shall continue in full-force and effect as a taxing unit until amended, merged or abolished pursuant to law.

Section 2. The following EMS sub-districts are hereby established as taxing units within the countywide EMS District:

- A. The Clearwater EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the Clearwater Fire District and the City of Clearwater.
- B. The Dunedin EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the Dunedin Fire District and the City of Dunedin.
- C. The East Lake EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the East Lake Fire and Rescue District.

- D. The Gulfport EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the City of Gulfport.
- E. The Highpoint EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the Highpoint Fire District.
- F. The Kenneth City EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the Town of Kenneth City.
- G. The Largo EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the Largo Fire District and the City of Largo, the Town of Belleair, the City of Belleair Bluffs, and the Belleair Bluffs Fire District.
- H. The Lealman EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the Lealman Fire and Rescue District.
- I. The Madeira Beach EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the City of Madeira Beach.
- J. The Oldsmar EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the City of Oldsmar and which also includes those unincorporated area parcels located in Sections 9, 11, 14, 15, 25, 26 and 36, Township 28S, Range 16E, that are not included in any other Pinellas County fire district.
- K. The Palm Harbor EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the Palm Harbor Fire and Rescue District.
- L. The Pinellas Park EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the Pinellas Park Fire District and the City of Pinellas Park.
- M. The Pinellas Suncoast EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District, the Cities of Belleair Beach and Indian Rocks Beach, the Towns of Belleair Shore and Indian Shores, and that portion of the Greater Seminole Area Special Recreation District that does not fall within the City of Seminole, the Seminole Fire District or the Largo Fire District.
- N. The Redington Beaches EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the Cities of Redington Beach, Redington Shores, and North Redington Beach.
- O. The Safety Harbor EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the Safety Harbor Fire District and the City of Safety Harbor.
- P. The St. Pete Beach EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the City of St. Pete Beach.
- Q. The St. Petersburg and Gandy EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the City of St. Petersburg and the Gandy Fire District.
- R. The Seminole EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the Seminole Fire District, and the City of Seminole, and which also includes those unincorporated area parcels located in Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, Township 31S, Range 15E, that are not included in any other Pinellas County fire district.
- S. The South Pasadena EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the South Pasadena Fire District and the City of South Pasadena.
- T. The Tarpon Springs EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the Tarpon Springs Fire District and the City of Tarpon Springs, and which also includes those unincorporated area parcels located in Township 27S, Ranges 14E and 15E, that are not included in any other Pinellas County fire district.
- U. The Tierra Verde EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the Tierra Verde Fire District (including Ft. DeSoto), and which also includes those unincorporated area parcels located in Sections 5, 29, 30, 31 and 32, Township 32S, Range 16E, and Section 3, Township 33S, Range 16E, that are not included in any other Pinellas County fire district.
- V. The Treasure Island EMS District, whose boundaries are contiguous with the City of Treasure Island.

Section 3. Emergency medical services provided in the taxing units established herein shall be funded

as provided in the Act and Chapter 54, Pinellas County Code.

Section 4. The County Administrator is authorized and directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser and other officials or agencies as appropriate.

Section 5. In the event the Board determines that ad valorem taxes will not be levied within the EMS sub-district taxing units created herein for the next or any subsequent budget year, the Board must dissolve the EMS sub-district taxing unit(s) prior to May 10<sup>th</sup> in order to comply with the statutory Truth-in-Millage requirements in Chapter 200, Florida Statutes. In that event, the Board may levy ad valorem taxes within the countywide EMS special taxing district for the provision of emergency medical services in accordance with applicable law.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption, and shall continue from year to year until such time as the Board amends, merges, or dissolves any of the EMS sub-district taxing units established herein.

In a regular meeting duly assembled on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011, Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

Absent and not voting: