

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-057**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO IN SUPPORT OF A LEVY OVERRIDE ELECTION TO ENSURE FUNDING OF PARAMEDIC LEVEL OF AMBULANCE SERVICE WITHIN THE ENTIRETY OF BLAINE COUNTY TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE CITIZENS OF KETCHUM AND BLAINE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Idaho Code authorizes county government to organize and operate ambulance service facilities for the residents and visitors to the County; and

WHEREAS, Blaine County provides paramedic level ambulance service for all of Blaine County through contracts for service with the Ketchum Fire Department, Wood River Fire and Rescue and Carey Rural Fire District; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with providing this service have been rising in conjunction with a decrease in Medicare reimbursements for services; and

WHEREAS; statutory provisions in Idaho Code allows for a only three percent increase in the amount property tax revenues can be levied and can only be increased over that amount with 66 2/3 voter approval; and

WHEREAS; this override question as to raising the levy a maximum of \$350,000 will be put to the public on the primary election of May 27, 2008; and

WHEREAS; the Ketchum City Council heard testimony that without this override, the level of ambulance service will slowly erode over time to the detriment of the Citizens of Ketchum; and

WHEREAS; the funding mechanism proposed will have minimum impact of the taxpayers of the City of Ketchum, estimated to be about \$3.00 per \$100,000 of valuation.

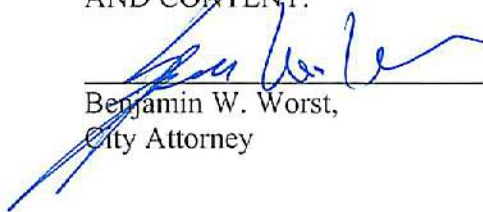
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Ketchum City Council hereby proclaim support for a Blaine County Levy Override Election to be scheduled for May 27, 2008 to allow an override not to exceed \$350,000 to maintain current level of paramedic ambulance service for the City of Ketchum and the residents of Blaine County.

This Resolution will be in full force and effect upon its adoption this twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) day of April, 2008.

CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO

  
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Randy Hall Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND CONTENT:

  
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Benjamin W. Worst,  
City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra E. Cady, CMC  
City Treasurer/Clerk

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