

BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALTH
SPOKANE REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT

RESOLUTION # 23-04

RE: AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 12-07 AND AUTHORIZATION TO USE SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEES FOR SAMPLING, TESTING, CLEAN UP AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE RESULTING FROM THE GRAY AND OREGON ROAD WILDFIRES.

WHEREAS Spokane Regional Health District is responsible for the adoption of regulations governing solid waste handling that implement the comprehensive solid waste management plan, including but not limited to the issuance of permits within Spokane County pursuant to RCW § 70A.205.100; and

WHEREAS part of the comprehensive solid waste management plan is enforcement of illegal dumping activities which results in an increased amount of solid waste through the permitted facilities both through deterrence and enforced clean up activities; and

WHEREAS the Spokane Regional Health District passed Resolution 12-07 on May 24, 2012, authorizing a solid waste tipping fee.

WHEREAS Resolution 12-07 restricted the use of such tipping fees to funding the solid waste management program at Spokane Regional Health District; and

WHEREAS as a result of the Gray wildfire in and around Medical Lake, Washington and the Oregon Road wildfire in and around Elk, Washington, there is an urgent need to sample, test, clean up and dispose of debris remaining after the burning of residential structures during the described wildfires in order to protect the public health, safety and environment; and

WHEREAS the ash, charred debris, and other contaminated materials from burned residential structures have the potential to cause adverse health effects in the public and harm the environment. Hazardous materials in the debris piles may include asbestos, heavy metals such as arsenic, lead and cadmium, and chemicals such as batteries, pool chemicals, fertilizers, electronic waste, paints, ammunition, solvents, oils, dioxin-like compounds and polyaromatic hydrocarbons; and

WHEREAS prompt sampling, testing, clean-up and proper disposal of the debris piles is necessary to ensure that these materials do not leach into the aquifer, or be washed into local streams and rivers through rainfall; and

WHEREAS some of the homeowners affected by the wildfires are unable to promptly sample, test, clean up and dispose of the wildfire debris for various reasons; and

WHEREAS protection of the public health and safety is a fundamental purpose of Spokane Regional Health District; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Public Health Division of Spokane Regional Health District has funds available to assist with the cost of sampling, testing, clean up and disposal of residential wildfire debris for the benefit of public health and safety; and

WHEREAS Spokane Regional Health District desires to allocate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) from the Solid Waste Management program to assist with the cost of sampling, testing, clean up and disposal of residential wildfire debris as follows:

1. To be eligible, a homeowner must have lost a residential structure as a result of the Gray wildfire in and around Medical Lake, Washington in August 2023 or the Oregon Road wildfire in and around Elk, Washington in August 2023; and

2. Spokane County Department of Emergency Management shall process requests for an award of funds to assist with sampling, testing, clean-up and disposal of residential wildfire debris; and
3. Requests for funding must be received by the Spokane County Department of Emergency Management no later than June 30, 2024; and
4. Sampling, testing, clean up and disposal must be completed no later than December 31, 2024. Any allocated funds not used by December 31, 2024, must be returned to the SRHD Solid Waste Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SPOKANE REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT, that

1. Resolution 12-07 is amended to remove the restriction limiting the use of tipping fees to funding of the solid waste management program at Spokane Regional Health District.

2. The sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) from the SRHD Solid Waste program is allocated to the Spokane County Department of Emergency Management to assist persons whose residence burned in the Gray wildfire in and around Medical Lake, Washington in August 2023 or the Oregon Road wildfire in and around Elk, Washington in August 2023;

3. The above allocation is made as part of SRHD's fundamental purpose of protecting the public health and safety in Spokane County.

4. The funding shall be administered by the Spokane County Department of Emergency Management, and to be approved for funding the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- a. To be eligible, a homeowner must have lost a residential structure as a result of the Gray wildfire in and around Medical Lake, Washington in August 2023 or the Oregon Road wildfire in and around Elk, Washington in August 2023; and
- b. Spokane County Department of Emergency Management shall process requests for an award of funds to assist with sampling, testing, clean-up and disposal of residential wildfire debris; and
- c. Requests for funding must be received by the Spokane County Department of Emergency Management no later than June 30, 2024; and
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Signed this 28th day of September 2023 in Spokane, Washington

SPOKANE REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH


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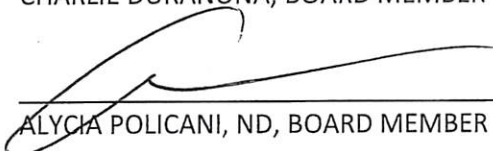

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