

**CITY OF BUCHANAN
COUNTY OF BERRIEN, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
THROUGH SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE SERVICE,
DISTRICT NO. 1**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1
RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT;
TENTATIVE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT;
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

At a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Buchanan, held on the 9th day of September 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following Resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 368 of 1978, as amended by Act 179 of 1990 (MCL 333.20948), a combination of local governmental units may operate an ambulance authority and defray, in whole or part, the cost of ambulance service by special assessment, with such special assessments conforming as nearly as possible to the procedure set forth in section 1 of Act 33 of 1951; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 368 of 1978, as well as the Urban Cooperation Act, Act 7 of 1967, the City and other local governmental units have formed the Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service ("SMCAS"), which provides ambulance services to the member municipalities and certain other municipalities pursuant to contracts ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, the costs of maintaining and operating SMCAS are shared by the local governmental units who are members of SMCAS, including the City, pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation of SMCAS; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to defray its share of the cost of operating SMCAS by establishing a special assessment district pursuant to Act 368 of 1978, as amended by Act 179 of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that initiating proceedings to establish such a special assessment district is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Commission determines to defray its share of the cost of maintaining and operating SMCAS, in whole or part, by special assessment.

2. The City Commission tentatively designates the special assessment district (“District”) against which the cost will be assessed as all residential units, commercial parcels, industrial parcels, and agricultural parcels within the City, unless such lands and premises are exempt by law from paying special assessments. "Residential unit" includes each unit in multiple family dwellings, apartments, condominiums, and townhouses, and includes each pad in a mobile home or manufactured housing community.

3. The estimated cost for each assessed parcel or unit in the District shall be based on the year of the assessment in the amounts as follows:

2024	\$40.00
2025	\$45.00
2026	\$50.00
2027	\$50.00
2028	\$50.00

4. The City tentatively proposes that the District remain in effect for a period of five (5) years.

5. If at any time during the term of the District an actual incremental cost increase exceeds the estimate therefor by 10% or more, notice shall be given and a hearing will be afforded to the record owners of property to be assessed.

6. The City Commission shall hold a public hearing on September 23rd, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall to hear and consider objections to the creation of the District and the estimated cost for each parcel in the District.

7. The City Commission directs the City Clerk to give notice of the time, date and purpose of the hearing, by first class mail, to each record owner of, or party-in-interest in, real property within the City whose name appears upon the last City tax assessment records, at least ten days before the date of the hearing in the form substantially similar to **Exhibit A**, attached to this Resolution. In addition, notice shall also be published in the same form at least twice before the hearing in a newspaper circulating in the City. The first publication shall be at least ten days before the date of the hearing.

8. Following the public hearing, the City Commission may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, estimate of cost, or boundaries of the special assessment district.

9. Any and all resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed, but only to the extent necessary to give this Resolution full force and effect.

ADOPTED:

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)
COUNTY OF _____)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of _____,
_____ County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and
complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the City Council of said City at a regular meeting
held on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

_____ City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF BUCHANAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Commission of the City of Buchanan, Berrien County, Michigan, has determined to proceed with creating a special assessment district to defray, in whole or part, the City's share of the cost of maintaining and operating the Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service.

The City Commission has tentatively determined that all or part of the City's share of such cost shall be specially assessed against all residential units, commercial parcels, industrial parcels, and agricultural parcels within the City, unless such lands and premises are exempt by law from paying special assessments. "Residential unit" includes each unit in multiple family dwellings, apartments, condominiums, and townhouses, and includes each pad in a mobile home or manufactured housing community.

TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission will hold a public hearing at a regular meeting of the City Commission on September 23rd, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107, to hear and consider any objections to the proposed special assessment, the district and all other matters relating to the Special Assessment District for Emergency Medical Services through Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that property shall not be added to the proposed special assessment district without further notice and public hearing.

This Notice was authorized by the City Commission of the City of Buchanan.

Dated: September 9th, 2024

Kalla Langston, MiPMC, City Clerk