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(S.D.) - Wall pursuing plan to save ambulance service

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WALL, S.D. (AP) - Wall city officials are not giving up on their efforts to save ambulance service in the area around the western South Dakota tourist town.

The Pennington County Commission has rejected a proposal to form an ambulance tax district.

But the Wall City Council has agreed to set aside a day for a special election if enough petition signatures can be obtained to put an ambulance tax to a public vote.

Wall City Finance OfficerCarolynn Anderson says the ambulance service will likely be lost unless the tax is passed. The tax could cover only a third of the overall ambulance expenses, with the rest paid by the city and fees collected for the service.

Wall is home to Wall Drug, a major tourist attraction.

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