



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

May 7, 2014

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

SUBJECT: Adoption of a resolution confirming and levying the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) tax for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution confirming and levying a tax not to exceed \$51 plus a 50-cent administrative fee paid to the County per taxable living unit or per 1,500 square feet of structure developed parcel in non-residential use for Ross Valley Paramedic Authority services for fiscal year 2014-2015.

DISCUSSION

The RVPA is an 8-member joint powers authority that was established in 1982 for the purpose of delivering fire department paramedic services in the Ross Valley region. The primary funding mechanism for the RVPA is a property tax. Each taxable residential unit is taxed along with every 1,500 square feet of non-residential structure. This tax structure has been in place since the inception of the RVPA. The 8-member communities of the RVPA consist of:

• Corte Madera • Larkspur • Kentfield • Ross • San Anselmo • Sleepy Hollow • Fairfax •
Unincorporated areas in the Ross Valley area

In November 2010, the RVPA proposed and the voters in all member agencies (excluding Corte Madera) approved the current tax that begins at \$42 plus a 50-cent administrative fee paid to the County, and incrementally increases each year by \$3. Since this is the fourth year of the current tax, it will increase to \$51 plus the 50-cent administrative fee paid to the County for a total of \$51.50

The RVPA tax is taken to the voters every four years. During the four-year period in which the tax runs, the elected body of each member agency must annually confirm (levy) the tax through the passage of a resolution. This has been the standard practice since the inception of the RVPA in 1982. Thus, the RVPA is requesting the Town of Fairfax to approve a resolution to confirm and levy the RVPA tax.

FISCAL IMPACT

n/a

ATTACHMENT

Resolution

AGENDA ITEM # 4

RESOLUTION 14-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX
CONFIRMING AND LEVYING THE ROSS VALLEY PARAMEDIC TAX RATE
FOR 2014-15

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2010, the voters of the Town of Fairfax approved the Paramedic Tax measure thereby establishing the current authority for funding of paramedic services through June 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, prior to July 1, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority will approve and adopt a status quo operating budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council supports the continuation of the existing tax which, in the first year, began in the initial amount of \$42 plus a 50 cent administrative fee charged by the County of Marin, and not to exceed \$51 plus a 50 cent administrative fee by the County of Marin in the fourth year as approved by the voters in \$3 increases each year for residential units as well as for each 1,500 square feet of structure developed parcel in non-residential use,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax does hereby confirm and levy a tax not to exceed \$51 plus a 50-cent administrative fee paid to the County per taxable living unit or per 1,500 square feet of structure developed parcel in non-residential use for Ross Valley Paramedic Authority services during the fiscal year 2014-15.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 7th day of May 2014 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

DAVID WEINSOFF, Mayor

Attest:

Michele Gardner, Town Clerk