




# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### May 6, 2015

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager 

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a resolution confirming and levying the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) tax for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a resolution confirming and levying a tax of \$57 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 2015-2016.

#### **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 (CSA 27) in the Ross Valley area

In November 2014, the RVPA proposed and the voters (excluding Corte Madera) approved the current tax for another four years at a new rate structure that begins at \$57 and incrementally increases each year by \$6. In the fourth year, the tax will top out at \$75. The .50 cents paid to the county is to be deducted from the tax. In years past, the RVPA chose to charge an additional .50-cent fee. This is the first year of the current tax. The next tax election for the RVPA is November 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION 15-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
APPROVING THE ROSS VALLEY PARAMEDIC AUTHORITY TAX LEVY  
FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the voters of the Town of Fairfax and of the Ross Valley have approved the Paramedic Tax extensions and increases since its inception in 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, Prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Board of Directors of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority will approve and adopt a status quo operating budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council supports the continuation of the existing tax at the new rate structure approved by the voters on November 4, 2014 for paramedic services for an additional four years beginning at \$57 in the first year and raising the tax \$6 annually to a maximum amount of \$75 per taxable living unit in the fourth year, or \$57 per 1,500 square feet of structure developed parcel in non-residential use in the first year and raising the tax \$6 annually to a maximum of \$75 in the fourth year;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax does hereby confirm and levy a tax of \$57 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 fiscal year 2015-16.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Attest

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Barbara Coler, Mayor

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Michele Gardner, Town Clerk