



TOWN OF FAIRFAX STAFF REPORT

June 10, 2013

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*
SUBJECT: Confirming the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) Tax for Fiscal Year 2013-14

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached resolution.

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.

Every four years, the citizens who reside within the member communities of the RVPA service area vote to fund the tax for a four-year period. In addition on an annual basis, each member agency is required to confirm the tax. This is done through the passage of a resolution to fulfill the City's obligation to annually confirm the RVPA property tax.

The 8-member communities of the RVPA consist of:

- Corte Madera*
- Kentfield
- San Anselmo
- Fairfax
- Larkspur
- Ross
- Sleepy Hollow
- Unincorporated areas (CSA 27) in the Ross Valley area

The next tax election for the RVPA is November 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RESOLUTION 13-37

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX APPROVING THE
ROSS VALLEY PARAMEDIC AUTHORITY TAX LEVY
FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR**

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2010, the electors of the Town of Fairfax approved a tax measure thereby establishing the current authority for funding of paramedic services through June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, prior to July 1st the Board of Directors of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority will approve an operating budget for fiscal year 2013-14; 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 charged 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 \$48 plus a 50-cent administrative fee paid to the county per taxable residential unit, and \$45 per 1500 square feet of commercial space with a 50 cent administrative fee paid to the county for paramedic services during the fiscal year 2013-2014.

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 10th day of June 2013, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

JOHN REED, Mayor

Attest:

Deputy Town Clerk