



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### June 3, 2020

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager

**SUBJECT:** Adopt a resolution confirming and levying the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) tax in the amount of \$83.50 for Fiscal Year 2020-21

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a resolution confirming and levying a tax of \$83.50 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 2020-21.

#### **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 are:

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

The continuation of the existing tax at the new rate structure, including an annual increase of \$4.00, was approved by the voters on November 6, 2018 for paramedic services.

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. Specifically, the Town is levying a tax of \$83.50 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 2020-21.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

n/a

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Resolution

**RESOLUTION 20-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
APPROVING THE ROSS VALLEY PARAMEDIC AUTHORITY TAX LEVY  
FOR THE 2020-2021 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, 2020, the Board of Directors of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority will approve and adopt a status quo operating budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council supports the continuation of the existing tax at the rate structure approved by the voters on November 6, 2018 for paramedic services for an additional four years beginning at \$79.50 in the first year and raising the tax \$4 annually to a maximum amount of \$91.50 per taxable living unit in the fourth year, or \$79.50 per 1,500 square feet of structure developed parcel in non-residential use in the first year and raising the tax \$4 annually to a maximum of \$91.50 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 **\$83.50** 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 2020-21.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2020 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

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RENEE GODDARD, Mayor

Attest:

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Michele Gardner, Town Clerk