



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

June 7, 2023

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Confirming and Levying the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) Tax in the amount of \$94.50 for Fiscal Year 2023-24

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution confirming and levying a tax of \$94.50 per residential unit and per 1,500 square feet of floor area of non-residential uses for Ross Valley Paramedic Authority services for fiscal year 2023-24.

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 uses. 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 \$3.00, was approved by the voters on November 8, 2022, for local paramedic and/or emergency services for each fiscal year from 2023 to 2027, beginning at \$94.50 for fiscal year 2023-2024 and raising the tax \$3 annually to a maximum amount of \$103.50 per residential unit for fiscal year 2026-2027, and \$94.50 per 1,500 square feet of floor area of non-residential uses for fiscal year 2023-2024 and raising the tax \$3 annually to a maximum of \$103.50 in fiscal year 2026-2027.

During the four-year period in which the tax runs, the elected body of each member agency must annually confirm (levy) the tax by resolution. This has been the standard practice since the inception of the RVPA in 1982. The RVPA is requesting the Town of Fairfax to adopt the attached resolution to confirm and levy the RVPA tax. Specifically, the Town is levying a tax of \$94.50 per residential unit and per each 1,500 square feet of floor area of non-residential uses for Ross Valley Paramedic Authority services during the fiscal year 2023-24.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/a

ATTACHMENT

Resolution

RESOLUTION 23-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX
APPROVING THE ROSS VALLEY PARAMEDIC AUTHORITY TAX LEVY
FOR THE 2023-2024 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, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority will approve and adopt a status quo operating budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council supports the special parcel tax at the rate structure approved by the voters on November 8, 2022 for local paramedic and/or emergency services for each fiscal year from 2023 to 2027 beginning at \$94.50 for fiscal year 2023-2024 and raising the tax \$3 annually to a maximum amount of \$103.50 per residential unit for fiscal year 2026-2027, and \$94.50 per 1,500 square feet of floor area of non-residential uses for fiscal year 2023-2024 and raising the tax \$3 annually to a maximum of \$103.50 in fiscal year 2026-2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax does hereby confirm and levy a tax of **\$94.50** per each residential unit and per each 1,500 square feet of floor area of non-residential uses for Ross Valley Paramedic Authority services during the fiscal year 2023-24.

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 7th day of June 2023 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

Chance Cutrano, Mayor

Attest:

Michele Gardner, Town Clerk