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**ORDINANCE NO. 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL AMENDING THE PARAMEDIC SERVICE SPECIAL TAX RATES WITHIN THE VOTER-APPROVED LIMITS, COMMENCING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, FOR RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND NON-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL, COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 13, COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 19, AND THE MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the electors of the City of San Rafael in 1979 and in 1988, adopted a Paramedic Service Special Tax (Chapter 3.28 of the San Rafael Municipal Code) to be imposed annually upon all residential units and non-residential structures within the City of San Rafael; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, pursuant to three separate agreements, provides paramedic services to Marinwood Community Services District, County Service Area No. 13, and County Service Area No. 19; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 2010, the electors of the City of San Rafael approved Measure "I", subsequently designated as Ordinance No. 1891, increasing the ceiling on the Paramedic Service Special Tax rate to \$108.00 per residential unit and to \$0.14 per square foot of non-residential structures; and providing a corresponding increase in the appropriations limit; and

**WHEREAS**, the current annual Paramedic Service Special Tax rate in the city limits of the City of San Rafael is \$104.00 per residential unit and \$0.140 per square foot of non-residential structures; and

**WHEREAS**, Paramedic Service Special Tax rates were approved by the electors of County Service Area No. 13 and County Service Area No. 19 by elections held in November 2006 and November 2011, and by the electors of Marinwood Community Services District by an election held in November 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the current annual Paramedic Service Special Tax rates in County Service Area No. 13, and County Service Area No. 19, are \$95.00 per residential unit and \$0.132 per square foot of non-residential structures, which rates are the maximum rates approved by voters in those County Service Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the current annual Paramedic Service Special Tax rates in the Marinwood Community Services District are \$85.00 per residential unit and \$0.11 per square foot of non-residential structures, which rates are the maximum rates approved by voters in that Community Services District; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, after reviewing the proposed budget recommendation of the City Manager, finds that for the City of San Rafael, the basic rate is insufficient to cover the cost of providing the paramedic service to San Rafael residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Rafael annual Paramedic Service Special Tax rates should be adjusted to \$108.00 per residential unit, and remain at \$0.140 per square foot of non-residential structures; for the County Service Area No. 13 and County Service Area No. 19, the annual Paramedic Service Special Tax rates should remain at \$95.00 per residential

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unit, and remain at \$0.132 per square foot of non-residential structures; and that for Marinwood Community Services District, the annual Paramedic Tax rates should remain at \$85.00 per residential unit, and remain at \$0.11 per square foot of non-residential structures; these rates will cover the cost of providing paramedic services within these service areas for fiscal year 2023-2024; and

**WHEREAS**, County Service Area No. 13 and County Service Area No. 19, based upon budgets recommended to them, have advised the City that they approved of the continuing of the annual Paramedic Service Special Tax rates within their respective jurisdictions, at \$95.00 per residential unit, and at \$0.132 per square foot of non-residential structures; and

**WHEREAS**, Marinwood Community Services District, based upon budgets recommended to them, have advised the City that they approved of the continuing of the annual Paramedic Service Special Tax rates within its jurisdiction, at \$85.00 per residential unit, and at \$0.11 per square foot of non-residential structures.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of San Rafael does ordain as follows:

Division 1. Pursuant to San Rafael Municipal Code Section 3.28.060, the City Council hereby sets the tax rate for paramedic services within City limits commencing in fiscal year 2023-2024, at \$108.00 per year for each residential unit, and \$0.140 per square foot for non-residential structures.

Division 2. The City Council hereby sets the Paramedic Tax Rates for County Service Area No. 13 and County Service Area No. 19, commencing with fiscal year 2023-2024, at \$95.00 per year for each residential unit, and \$0.132 per square foot for each non-residential structure.

Division 3. The City Council hereby sets the Paramedic Tax Rates for Marinwood Community Services District, commencing with fiscal year 2023-2024, at \$85.00 per year for each residential unit, and at \$0.11 per square foot for each non-residential structure.

Division 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such holding or holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

Division 5. This Ordinance shall be published once, in full or in summary form, before its final passage, in a newspaper of general circulation, published, and circulated in the City of San Rafael, and shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its final passage. If published in summary form, the summary shall also be published within fifteen (15) days after the adoption, together with the names of those Councilmembers voting for or against same, in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City of San Rafael, County of Marin, State of California.

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KATE COLIN, Mayor

Attest:



LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

The foregoing Ordinance was first read and introduced at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of San Rafael, held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023, and will come up for adoption as an Ordinance of the City of San Rafael at a Regular Meeting of the Council to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2023.

AYES: Councilmembers: Bushey, Hill, Kertz, Llorens Gulati & Mayor Kate  
NOES: Councilmembers: None  
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None



LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026**

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This Summary concerns a proposed ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Rafael, designated as Ordinance No. 2026, which will set the Paramedic Service Special Tax rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for properties in the City of San Rafael, County Service Area No. 13 (CSA No. 13), County Service Area No. 19 (CSA No. 19), and the Marinwood Community Services District (CSD) as detailed in the complete text of Ordinance No. 2026. Ordinance No. 2026 is scheduled for adoption by the San Rafael City Council at its regular meeting of May 1, 2023. The City Clerk has been directed to publish this Summary pursuant to City Charter and California Government Code section 36933(c)(1).

**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE**

The City of San Rafael has adopted, with required voter approval, San Rafael Municipal Code (SRMC) Chapter 3.28, the Paramedic Service Special Tax, to be imposed annually upon residential units and non-residential structures within the City of San Rafael. In addition, pursuant to three separate agreements, San Rafael provides paramedic services to CSA No. 13, CSA No. 19, and Marinwood CSD. The City Council sets the annual tax rates within those jurisdictions by ordinance. Ordinance No. 2026 would set the annual Paramedic Service Special Tax rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as follows:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Residential Unit Rate</u>	<u>Nonresidential Structure Rate</u>
City of San Rafael:	\$108.00/residential unit	\$0.140/square foot of structures
CSA No. 13:	\$95.00/residential unit	\$0.132/square foot of structures
CSA No. 19:	\$95.00/residential unit	\$0.132/square foot of structures
Marinwood CSD:	\$85.00/residential unit	\$0.110/square foot of structures

For a complete copy of the text of the Ordinance, please contact the San Rafael Fire Department at (415) 485-3304 or by email: [fire.department@cityofsanrafael.org](mailto:fire.department@cityofsanrafael.org). Copies of the Ordinance are also available for public review by contacting the City Clerk’s office by email to [Lindsay.lara@cityofsanrafael.org](mailto:Lindsay.lara@cityofsanrafael.org)

/s/ Lindsay Lara  
LINDSAY LARA  
San Rafael City Clerk  
Dated: 04/21/23