



Agenda Item No. 9b.

Staff Report

Date: June 18, 2020
To: Mayor McMillan and Council Members
From: Joe Chinn, Town Manager
Subject: Confirming the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) Tax for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year

Recommendation

Town Council adoption of Resolution No. 2160 confirming Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) Tax for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year.

Background and discussion

The RVPA is an eight (8) member joint powers authority which 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. 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. The eight (8) member communities of the RVPA consist of:

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

In November 2018, the RVPA member agencies proposed and the voters (excluding Corte Madera*) re-approved the tax for another four years at a new rate structure that begins at \$79.50 and incrementally increases each year by \$4. In the fourth year, the tax will top out at \$91.50.

() Corte Madera is a sub-contractor of RVPA and sets tax rates that are separate from other member agencies*

Thus at this time, the elected bodies of each member agency are asked to approve a resolution to confirm the RVPA tax that contains the following:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Ross 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 fiscal year 2020-21.

Fiscal, resource and timeline impacts

None

Alternative actions

None

Environmental review (if applicable)

N/A

Attachments

- Resolution No. 2160

TOWN OF ROSS

RESOLUTION NO. 2160

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ROSS IN SUPPORT OF THE ROSS VALLEY PARAMEDIC TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

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

WHEREAS, prior to July 1st, 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 Ross Town Council supports the continuation of the existing tax at the new 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 Ross 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 fiscal year 2020-21.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Ross Town Council at its regular meeting held on the 18th day of June 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Julie McMillan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Lopez, Town Clerk