

Agenda Item No. 21.

To: Mayor and Ross Town Council
From: Gary Broad, Town Manager
Re: Public Hearing: Levy Taxes/Assessment
Date: July 5, 2010

The Municipal Services Tax was approved by Ross voters on June 3, 2008, allowing the Town Council to set an assessment of up to \$1,000 a year for each developed parcel. Town voters first approved the tax in 1984.

Each year, the Council must set the assessment in a public hearing. The Council may set the assessment at a level of up to \$1,000; it set the levy at \$1,000 in fiscal year 2006-2007, with \$775 allocated to the general fund and an additional \$225 set aside to establish a legal defense fund to aggressively defend flood-related litigation against the Town. In fiscal years 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-10, it set the levy at \$775. Staff and Finance Committee Chairperson Hunter would recommend that the Council continue the Municipal Services Tax for fiscal year 2010-2011 at the \$775 level.

This Municipal Services Tax is in effect through 2012.