



Staff Report

Date: April 4, 2024
To: Mayor Brekhus and Council Members
From: Christa Johnson, Town Manager
Subject: Confirming the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Tax for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Town Council adopt Resolution No. 2412 confirming the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority tax for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

Background and discussion

The Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) is an eight-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.

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 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 June 2022, 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 \$94.50 and incrementally increases each year by \$3. In the fourth year, the tax will top out at \$103.50.

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

At this time, the elected bodies of each member agency are asked to adopt 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 \$97.50 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 2024-25.

Fiscal, resource and timeline impacts

None

Alternative actions

None

Environmental review (if applicable)

N/A

Attachments

- Resolution No. 2412

RESOLUTION NO. 2412

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ROSS IN SUPPORT OF THE ROSS VALLEY PARAMEDIC
TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

WHEREAS, the voters of the Town of Ross and the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority 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 2024-25 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ross Town Council supports the continuation of the existing tax at the new rate structure approved by the voters on March 5, 2024 for paramedic services for an additional four years beginning at \$94.50 in the first year and raising the tax \$3 annually to a maximum amount of \$103.50 per taxable living unit in the fourth year, or \$94.50 per 1,500 square feet of structure developed parcel in non-residential use in the first year and raising the tax \$3 annually to a maximum of \$103.50 in the fourth year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ross Town Council does hereby confirm and levy a tax of **\$97.50** 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 2024-25.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town of Ross Town Council held in said Town of Ross on the 4th of April, 2024 by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Brekhus, Mayor

Cyndie Martel, Town Clerk