
MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

MUNICIPAL

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX
PARAMEDIC SERVICES SPECIAL TAX
AND APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT INCREASE
MEASURE F**

F Shall there be a four year special tax commencing 1999-2000, for paramedic services in an amount not to exceed thirty dollars (\$30.00) per year per living unit and per 1,500 square feet of structure on each developed parcel in non-residential use, to be levied in addition to transport fees charged to insurance providers without pursuing collection from uninsured persons, with the appropriations limit increased by the amount of said tax for the next four years?

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY TOWN ATTORNEY
MEASURE F**

If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the electorate, the special tax for paramedic services, which is administered by a Joint Powers Authority, and was authorized by the voters in 1983, 1991 and 1994, would continue with a maximum annual levy of \$30.00 on each living unit and \$30.00 annually per 1,500 square feet of structure on each developed parcel in non-residential use. Fees for transport to the hospital would be charged to insurance providers, independent of the tax, without collection being pursued against uninsured persons. The appropriations limit established for the Town of Fairfax pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution would be increased in an amount equal to the proceeds of the special tax. The special tax and corresponding increase in appropriations limit expire on June 30, 2003.

Dated: August 17, 1998

JOHN E. SHARP
Town Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE F

Since 1983, the voters in the Ross Valley have overwhelmingly approved a special tax to provide paramedic service. To continue this high standard of emergency medical care for four more years, you must now re-approve this measure. The initial RVPA tax provided for a single ambulance. The demand for paramedic service from our citizens dictated that one ambulance could no longer deliver an adequate response to the residents of the area. Therefore, a second paramedic ambulance is now in service.

To fund this improved service without increasing the current tax, the RVPA plans to charge for ambulance transport. This is the standard for ALL other paramedic provider agencies within Marin County. This transport charge will be billed to insurance providers, such as Medi-Cal, Medicare, and private insurance carriers.

Your parcel tax covers the base level services, including dedicated paramedic ambulances in the Ross Valley, 9-1-1 responses, and paramedic training. The transport charge covers the cost of transporting patients to the hospital. The actual parcel tax will be determined each year. A "YES" vote for this measure does *not* increase the parcel tax, which has been \$30.00 per parcel for the past eight years.

The goal of the Fire Chiefs of the Ross Valley is to continuously improve paramedic services and response times.

We need YOUR vote to continue this vital service. Vote "YES" on Measure F.

s/ Jo Anne C. Lewis

s/ John S. Lando

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE
WAS SUBMITTED**

End of Measure F

