
MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

MUNICIPAL

**TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO
PARAMEDIC SERVICES SPECIAL TAX
AND APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT INCREASE
MEASURE I**

Commencing 1999-2000, shall there be a four year special tax 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 I**

If this measure is approved by a two-thirds vote, the special tax for paramedic services administered by a Joint Powers Authority authorized by the voters in 1983, 1991, and 1994, will be continued with a maximum annual levy of \$30.00 on each living unit and \$30.00 per year per 1,500 square feet of structure on each developed parcel in non-residential use, to be collected in addition to fees for transport to the hospital charged to insurance providers, without collection pursued against uninsured persons. The appropriations limit established for the Town of San Anselmo pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution will be increased in an amount equal to the proceeds of the special tax. The special tax and the corresponding increase in the appropriations limit expire on June 30, 2003.

Dated: August 14, 1998

HADDEN ROTH
Town Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE I

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 Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) tax provided for a single ambulance. The demand for paramedic service from our citizens dictates that one ambulance can no longer deliver an adequate response to residents of the area.

To fund improved service without increasing the current tax, the RVPA plans to charge for ambulance transport. This transport charge will be billed to insurance providers, such as Medi-Cal, Medicare, and private insurance carriers. The RVPA will not pursue collection from persons without insurance coverage. Transport billing is the standard with all other paramedic providers within Marin County.

Your parcel tax covers advanced level services, including dedicated paramedic ambulances in the Ross Valley, 911 responses, and paramedic training. 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 taxable unit for the past eight years.

Our goal is to continue to improve paramedic services in the Ross Valley.

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

s/ Judith K. Hodgens
Mayor

s/ Peter Breen
Councilmember

s/ Jeff Kroot
Councilmember

s/ Carla Overberger
Councilmember

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE
WAS SUBMITTED**

End of Measure I

