

MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

MUNICIPAL

**TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO
SPECIAL TAX FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES
MEASURE H**

H 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 collected in addition to fees for transport to the hospital charged to insurance providers, with the appropriations limit increased by the amount of said tax for the next four years?

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IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY
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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 applicable appropriations limit 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, 2007.

Dated: August 19, 2002

HADDEN ROTH
Town Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H

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

The special tax covers the base level services, including dedicated paramedic ambulances in the Ross Valley, 9-1-1 responses, defibrillators, Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training. The transport charge covers the cost of transporting patients to the hospital. The actual tax will be determined each year. A "YES" vote for this measure does not increase the tax, which has been \$30.00 per living unit for the past eleven 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 "H".

s/ Judith K. Hodgens, Mayor

s/ Peter Kilkus, Vice-Mayor

s/ Peter Breen, Councilmember

s/ Paul Chignell, Councilmember

s/ Jeff Kroot, Councilmember

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE
WAS SUBMITTED**

END OF MEASURE H

