

**TOWN OF ROSS MEASURE F**

**F** To continue emergency paramedic care, shall there be a special tax for paramedic services in the amount of \$39.00 increasing by \$3.00 per year not to exceed \$48.00 for each living unit, and in the amount of \$39.00 increasing by \$3.00 per year per 1,500 square feet of structure of each developed parcel in non-residential use with the appropriations limit increased by the amount of said tax for the next four years?

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE F**

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 1982, 1986, 1991, 1994, 1998 and 2002 will be continued with a tax of \$39 increasing by \$3.00 per year not to exceed \$48 for each living unit, and in the amount of \$39 increasing by \$3.00 per year per 1,500 square feet of structure of 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, 2011.

Dated August 15, 2006

s/HADDEN ROTH  
Town Attorney  
Town of Ross

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE F**

Since 1982, 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, this measure must be re-approved.

The Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) provides a base level service, which includes dedicated paramedic ambulances in the Ross Valley, 9-1-1 responses, defibrillators, the training of paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians, and ambulance transport to the hospital.

Your parcel tax covers the base level service, while the transport cost is charged to the user and is billed to insurance providers such as Medi-Cal, Medicare, and private insurance carriers. This is the standard policy of all paramedic provider agencies within Marin County.

The current parcel tax of \$30.00 per parcel has been in effect for 15 years. In order to maintain the current high level of service our citizens deserve, it is necessary to increase the tax. We are requesting a \$9.00 increase the first year with a potential increase of \$3.00 a year for the remaining three years. The actual increase will be determined each year.

Our goal is to insure the maintenance of our current level of service, as well as continuously implementing improvements to this high quality of life support service.

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

s/RICHARD STRAUSS

Mayor, Town of Ross

s/R. SCOT HUNTER

Mayor Pro Tem, Town of Ross

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE F WAS FILED.**