To continue emergency paramedic care, shall Ordinance No. 3457 be approved imposing a special tax for paramedic services in the amount of $39.00 per year 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?

SECTION VI. Severance Clause. If any section of this ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable by any court and such judgment becomes final, then that section may be amended by a majority vote of this Board to conform with the judgment of such court, provided such amendment is consistent with the purpose and intent of this ordinance.

If any section, subsection; sentence, phrase or clause of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The people of County Service Area 27 hereby declare that they would have adopted this remaining portion, and each section, subsection, sentence, phrase or clause thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, phrases or clauses may be declared invalid.

SECTION VII. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective not later than thirty (30) days after its adoption by the Board of Supervisors, but shall not take effect unless and until it is approved by two-thirds of the voters voting upon this ordinance at an election to be held on November 7, 2006.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of County Service Area 27, held on the 25th day of July, 2006, by the following vote:


NOES: NONE

ABSENT: SUPERVISOR Cynthia L. Murray

s/SUSAN L. ADAMS
President, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

s/MATTHEW H. HYMELE
Clerk
COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE J
COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 27
SPECIAL TAX FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES
MEASURE J

If this measure is approved by a two-thirds vote, the ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of County Service Area No. 27 imposing a special tax to continue emergency paramedic services in the amount of thirty nine dollars ($39.00), increasing by three dollars ($3.00) per year for not to exceed forty eight dollars ($48.00) per year for each living unit, and in the amount of thirty nine dollars ($39.00) increasing by $3.00 per year per 1,500 square feet of structure of each developed parcel in non-residential use, as defined in said ordinance will be confirmed and adopted.
Dated: August 24, 2006

s/PATRICK K. FAULKNER
County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J

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, you must now re-approve this tax with a modest proposed increase. The initial Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) tax provided for a single ambulance. The demand for paramedic service from our citizens dictates that service levels continue to expand and evolve. We ask that you consider a modest increase of $9.00 in the first year and if needed a $3.00 annual increase in the remaining three years, in order to maintain our current levels of service and to plan for future improvements based on community demand for high quality, fire department based, advanced life support paramedic services.

Your parcel tax pays for a significant portion of the paramedic program and enables us not to directly bill our Ross Valley resident customers. Additional funds are collected from medical insurance companies and through billing of non-resident customers. In addition, your tax covers expenses associated with paramedic training, medical supplies and equipment, and the replacement of ambulance vehicles when needed.

Our goal is to continue to provide state of the art paramedic care in the Ross Valley. We need your vote to continue this vital service. Vote YES on Measure J.

s/HAROLD BROWN
Marin County Supervisor

s/ROGER MEAGOR
Fire Chief

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J WAS FILED.