



**CITY OF LARKSPUR  
Staff Report**

May 15, 2019 City Council Meeting

DATE: May 3, 2019  
TO: Honorable Mayor Morrison and the Larkspur City Council  
FROM: Jason Weber, RVPA Executive Officer  
SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE ROSS VALLEY PARAMEDIC AUTHORITY (RVPA) TAX FOR THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve the attached resolution.

**SUMMARY**

The RVPA is an 8-member joint powers authority that was established in 1982 for the purpose of delivering fire department paramedic services in the Ross Valley region. The primary funding mechanism for the RVPA is a property tax. Each taxable residential unit is taxed along with every 1,500 square feet of non-residential structure. This tax structure has been in place since the inception of the RVPA.

Every four years, the citizens who reside within the member communities of the RVPA service area vote to fund the tax for a four-year period. In addition, on an annual basis, each member agency is required to confirm the tax. This is done through the passage of a resolution.

The purpose of this staff report and attached resolution is to fulfill the City's obligation to annually confirm the RVPA property tax.

**BACKGROUND**

The RVPA tax is taken to the voters every four years. During the four-year period in which the tax runs, the elected body of each member agency must annually confirm (levy) the tax through the passage of a resolution. This has been the standard practice since the inception of the RVPA in 1982.

The 8-member communities of the RVPA consist of:

- Corte Madera
- Kentfield
- San Anselmo
- Fairfax
- Larkspur
- Ross
- Sleepy Hollow
- Unincorporated areas (CSA 27) in the Ross Valley area

## **AGENDA ITEM 4.4**

### **DISCUSSION**

In November 2018, the RVPA proposed and the voters in all member agencies approved the current tax that begins at \$79.50 and incrementally increases each year by \$4. For the next four years, the RVPA Board of Directors has approved a tax rate containing \$4 annual increases as follows:

2019-20	\$79.50
2020-21	\$83.50
2021-22	\$87.50
2022-23	\$91.50

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None to Agency.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS**

None.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Approve the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Weber, RVPA Executive Officer

### Attachments

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION 26/19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LARKSPUR  
APPROVING THE ROSS VALLEY PARAMEDIC TAX RATE FOR 2019-20**

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**WHEREAS**, the voters in the City of Larkspur and the Ross Valley have approved the Paramedic Tax extensions and increases since its inception in 1982;

**WHEREAS**, prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Board of Directors of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority will approve and adopt an operating budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Larkspur approves the continuation of the existing tax at the new rate structure approved by the voters on November 6, 2018 for paramedic services for an additional four years beginning at \$79.50 in the first year and raising the tax \$4 annually to a maximum amount of \$91.50 per taxable living unit in the fourth year, or \$79.50 per 1,500 square feet of structure developed parcel in non-residential use in the first year and raising the tax \$4 annually to a maximum of \$91.50 in the fourth year.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council does hereby confirm and levy a tax not to exceed \$79.50 per taxable living unit or per 1,500 square feet of structure developed parcel in non-residential use for Ross Valley Paramedic Authority services during the fiscal year 2019-20.

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED** that the City Council of the City of Larkspur duly introduced and regularly adopted the foregoing resolution at a meeting held on the 15th day of May, 2019 by the following vote, to-wit:

- AYES:            COUNCILMEMBER:
- NOES:           COUNCILMEMBER:
- ABSENT:        COUNCILMEMBER:
- ABSTAIN:       COUNCILMEMBER:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
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CITY CLERK