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AGENDA REPORT

TO: JOHN A. FLORES
Interim City Administrator

FROM: Kiran Bawa

SUBJECT: Paramedic Emergency Services
Parcel Tax Cost-of-Living
Adjustment for FY 2015-16 (Measure N)

DATE: April 20, 2015

City Administrator

Date

Approval

5/20/15

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance authorizing a 2.8 percent increase for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16, consistent with the Consumer Price Index (CPI), for the tax imposed pursuant to the 1997 Paramedic Services Act (Measure N).

OUTCOME

This adjustment to the FY 2015-16 special parcel tax for the Paramedic Services Act of 1997 would be consistent with the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

In June 1997, Oakland voters passed, by more than a two-thirds majority, the 1997 Paramedic Services Act (Measure N). Measure N imposes a special parcel tax for the purpose of raising revenue necessary to increase, enhance and support paramedic emergency services in the City of Oakland. The Measure N legislation authorizes the City Council to increase the tax rates by a cost-of-living factor after the third year of its imposition (FY 2000-01) and continuing each fiscal year thereafter. A 2.8 percent increase in the Measure N special parcel tax rates proposed for FY 2015-16 is in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for the San Francisco Bay Area during calendar year 2014.

Beginning FY 2000-01 and continuing each fiscal year thereafter, the Measure N legislation allows the City Council to adjust the tax rates in accordance with the CPI for the immediate San Francisco Bay Area. At no time, however, may the rates be increased by more than 5.0 percent of the tax rates imposed by ordinance during the immediate preceding fiscal year.

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PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

A public hearing on the proposed ordinance to increase the Measure N special parcel tax is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

COORDINATION

The report was prepared in coordination with the Office of the City Attorney and Francisco & Associates, the City's Contractor, who annually administers special financing districts on behalf of the City.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

The FY 2015-16 estimated revenue from Measure N (Fund 2250) is \$1,562,067, including the proposed rate increase. The proposed annual rate increase of 2.8 percent translates to approximately \$42,547 of the total FY 2015-16 estimated revenue. This additional funding is needed to account for increases in personnel costs.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

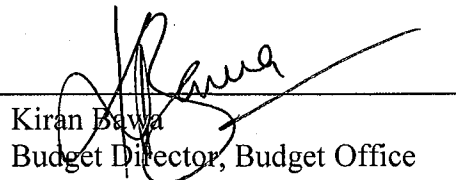
Economic: Essential City services that serve the public greatly rely upon revenues generated from the Measure N special tax.

Environmental: There are no direct environmental impacts associated with the City Council action requested in this report.

Social Equity: Adequately staffed emergency services allow the City to properly respond to emergency situations all throughout the city.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Chantal Cotton Gaines at (510) 238-7587.

Respectfully submitted,



Kiran Bawa
Budget Director, Budget Office

Reviewed by:
Osborn Solitei, Controller

Prepared by:
Chantal Cotton Gaines, Asst. to the City Administrator

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Approved as to Form and Legality

Kristina Salant Bondy
Oakland City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Ordinance No. _____ C.M.S.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 INCREASE TO A SPECIAL TAX IMPOSED FOR PARAMEDIC EMERGENCY SERVICES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, AND PURSUANT TO THE 1997 PARAMEDIC SERVICES ACT (MEASURE N)

WHEREAS, in 1997 Oakland voters approved Measure N, a special tax to fund paramedic emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Measure N imposed a special tax on all parcels in the City of Oakland, except where the parcels are otherwise exempt from taxation by Section 3 of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Measure N provided that beginning in fiscal year 2000-01 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Oakland City Council may increase the tax only upon a finding that the cost of living in the immediate San Francisco Bay Area, as shown by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all items, has increased since the 1997 index year; and

WHEREAS, Measure N provided that any tax rate adjustment imposed by the City Council pursuant to the ordinance shall not exceed five percent of the tax rate imposed during the immediately preceding fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on this ordinance to increase the Measure N special parcel tax was held on June 2, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, California; now, therefore,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council of the City of Oakland hereby determines that the preceding recitals are true and correct and hereby adopts and incorporates them into this Ordinance.

2. The Oakland City Council hereby finds that the Consumer Price Index for all items in the San Francisco Bay Area was 245.02 for calendar year 2013 and 251.99 for calendar year 2014.

3. The cost-of-living in the immediate San Francisco Bay Area as shown by the Consumer Price Index, has increased 2.8 percent from calendar year 2013 to calendar year 2014.

4. The Measure N special tax rate upward adjustment shall be 2.8 percent, effective July 1, 2015.

5. The following rate structure will be imposed on parcels within the City of Oakland effective July 1, 2015 for FY 2015-16:

PROPOSED MEASURE N TAX INCREASES BY PARCEL TYPE			
PARCEL TYPE	CURRENT PARCEL RATE	PROPOSED INCREASE	FY 2015-16 PARCEL RATE
Single Family Residential Parcels	\$10.56	\$0.30	\$10.86
Multiple Residential (2 to 4 units)	\$21.11	\$0.59	\$21.70
Multiple Residential (5 or more units)	\$52.79	\$1.48	\$54.27
Commercial	\$21.11	\$0.59	\$21.70
Industrial	\$42.23	\$1.18	\$43.41
Rural	\$10.56	\$0.30	\$10.86
Institutional	\$10.56	\$0.30	\$10.86

6. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately on final adoption if it receives six or more affirmative votes; otherwise, it shall become effective upon the seventh day after final adoption.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, and
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California

NOTICE AND DIGEST

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This Ordinance would authorize an increase of the special tax imposed for paramedic emergency services pursuant to Measure N for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the amount 2.8%, which represents the cost-of-living increase based on the San Francisco Bay Area Consumer Price Index from calendar year 2013 to calendar year 2014.