



Sheldon D. Gilbert, Fire Chief

# Alameda County Fire Department

*Proudly serving the Unincorporated Area of Alameda County  
and the communities of San Leandro, Dublin,  
the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and  
the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory*

**AGENDA \_\_\_ May 13, 2008**

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April 22, 2008

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Suite 536  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Board Members:

**Subject: Supplemental Paramedic Special Tax – Accept Report and Set Public Hearing on Adoption of Proposed 2.77% Bay Area Consumer Price Index Adjustment**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Sitting as the Governing Board of the Alameda County Fire Department:

1. Adopt Resolution accepting the Report for the Alameda County Fire Department Paramedic Supplemental Special Tax which describes the recommended adjustment of 2.77% based on the Bay Area Consumer Price Index (CPI) to be effective July 1, 2008; and setting Monday, June 16, 2008 in the Board Chambers as the date and place for a Public Hearing concerning the Report and proposed special tax adjustment increase;
2. On June 16, 2008 hear and consider all written and verbal statements for and against the Report and the recommended increase of \$0.37 from \$13.21 per benefit unit to \$13.58 per benefit unit in the Paramedic Supplemental Special Tax; and adopt a Resolution authorizing an increase in the benefit unit tax rate effective July 1, 2008; and
3. Authorize and direct the County Auditor-Controller and the County Tax Collector to take all required actions necessary to implement the tax rate adjustment and collection.

**DISCUSSION:**

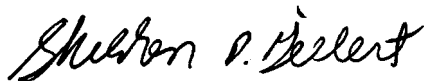
A County Service Area (CSA) for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was formed in 1983 to provide paramedic services throughout the County. In addition to the EMS assessments, the Fire Department also was authorized to collect a Supplemental Assessment of \$10 per benefit unit for the Paramedic Program in all of unincorporated Alameda County, except for the Fairview area.

With the passage of Proposition 218 in November 1996, the charges no longer met the definition of "benefit assessment". Therefore, a special tax was proposed to replace the benefit assessments. The Board of Supervisors placed a tax measure on the June 3, 1997 ballot to be effective July 1, 1997. The measure passed with more than the required two-thirds majority. It authorized an initial tax in the amount of \$10.00 per benefit unit; the same amount as the assessment for the previous year. It also authorized the Board of Supervisors to adjust the tax once a year in an amount not to exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index for the Bay Area. This increase will be utilized to continue funding for a portion of the costs of emergency medical services offered.

**FINANCIAL:**

For 2007-08 it is projected that total collections will be approximately \$576,000. A 2.77% CPI adjustment to the current base supplemental tax amount of \$13.21 per benefit unit will result in an increase in revenues of approximately \$16,000 to the Fire Department in 2008-09.

Sincerely,



Sheldon D. Gilbert  
Fire Chief

Attachments

SDG:LH:lh

C: Susan Muranishi, County Administrator  
Patrick O'Connell, Auditor-Controller  
Richard Winnie, County Counsel  
Donald White, Treasurer-Tax Collector

**ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
SUPPLEMENTAL PARAMEDIC SPECIAL TAX**

**REPORT**

A County Service Area (CSA) for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was formed in 1983 to provide Paramedic Services throughout the County. In addition to the EMS assessments, the Fire Department also collected a Supplemental Assessment of \$10.00 per benefit unit for the Paramedic Program in all of unincorporated Alameda County, except for the Fairview area.

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The Alameda County Fire Department offers a variety of emergency medical services to the communities served. These services include: Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Response, Bike Paramedics, CPR training, and other public education and outreach programs to prevent illness and injuries. The services provided by 114 Paramedics and 168 Emergency Medical Technicians operating from 25 on-duty Advanced Life Support Apparatus. To support and ensure the quality of these services, the Alameda County Fire Department EMS Division offers a comprehensive training, education, and medical oversight program to all certified and licensed personnel. EMS programs are overseen by an Assistant Chief and conducted and supported by the EMS Officer, a Registered Nurse, and administrative staff.

The money collected under the approved special tax is utilized to partially support the Fire Department's EMS services. In order to maintain and expand on this level of service, the Bay Area Consumer Price Index adjustment allowed under the provisions of the current Supplemental Special Tax is needed. This increase will generate approximately \$16,000 per year in additional revenue and be utilized to continue funding a portion of the costs of the EMS Services offered.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**BAY AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT  
OF 2.77% TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL PARAMEDIC  
SPECIAL TAX FOR UNINCORPORATED ALAMEDA COUNTY,  
EXCEPT FOR THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT,  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Supervisors, as the Governing Board of the Alameda County Fire Department, has received a staff report recommending a proposed Bay Area Consumer Price Index adjustment of 2.77% to the Emergency Medical Services Supplemental Paramedic Special Tax for unincorporated Alameda County property owners, exclusive of the Fairview Fire District area, to be effective July 1, 2008. The special tax would increase \$0.37 from its current level of \$13.21 per benefit unit to \$13.58 per benefit unit.

The public hearing on the staff report recommendations will take place on **Monday, June 16, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers, County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, CA 94612.** At the hearing, the Board will hear and consider all comments and protests.

Copies of the staff report will be available at the Alameda County Fire Department, 835 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, San Leandro, CA 94577 and at the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Office, County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, CA 94612.

For further information, you may contact Deputy Chief Dave Rocha or Financial Services Manager Lisa Hisatomi at (510) 618-3490.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MAY 13, 2008.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: R-08-**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA,  
AS THE GOVERNING BOARD  
OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION**  
**ACCEPT REPORT**  
**AND SET PUBLIC HEARING**

ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL PARAMEDIC  
SPECIAL TAX

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief of the Alameda County Fire Department has filed with the Board of Supervisors, as the governing board for the Department, a written report concerning a proposed 2.77% Bay Area Consumer Price Index adjustment in the EMS Supplemental Paramedic Special Tax from \$13.21 per benefit unit to \$13.58 per benefit unit effective July 1, 2008 which report complies in all respects with the requirements of the State of California Government Code and Alameda County Ordinance Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the staff report is hereby received and that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to file the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Monday, June 16, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. is fixed as the date and time for the hearing to be held in the Board Chambers, County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, CA 94612; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board shall cause notice of the hearing to be published once a week for two (2) successive weeks in The Inter-City Express, such notice to be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BAY AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT OF 2.77% TO THE  
ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL PARAMEDIC  
SPECIAL TAX FOR UNINCORPORATED ALAMEDA COUNTY,  
EXCEPT FOR FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

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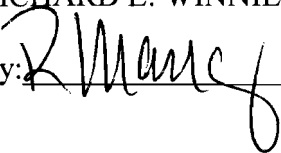
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AYES:  
NOES:  
EXCUSED:

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SCOTT HAGGERTY  
President of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Alameda, State of California

Approved as to Form:  
RICHARD E. WINNIE, County Counsel

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: R-08-**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA,  
AS THE GOVERNING BOARD  
OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF \$0.37 TO \$13.58 PER  
BENEFIT UNIT IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
SUPPLEMENTAL PARAMEDIC SPECIAL TAX**

ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL PARAMEDIC  
SPECIAL TAX

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, as the governing board for the Alameda County Fire Department, did receive a written report concerning a proposed 2.77% Bay Area Consumer Price Index adjustment in the EMS Supplemental Paramedic Special Tax from \$13.21 per benefit unit to \$13.58 per benefit unit effective July 1, 2008 which report complied in all respects with the requirements of the State of California Government Code and Alameda County Ordinance Code;

WHEREAS, this Board did receive a written report concerning a proposed adjustment of \$0.37 based on the Bay Area Consumer Price Index for the purposes as set forth in the report which complies in all respects with requirements of the 1997 ballot measure;

WHEREAS, the Clerk of this Board did file the Report and set Monday, June 16, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers, County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, CA, as the time and place for a hearing upon said report;

WHEREAS, the Clerk of this Board has caused notice of the hearing to be published pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code, and copies of the notice of the hearing have been posted as required by statute, and proof of said publication and posting in on file with Clerk;

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2008 at the hearing referred to above, this Board of Supervisors, as the governing board of the Alameda County Fire Department, did hear and consider all protests with respect to the report and recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, as the governing board for the Alameda County Fire Department, does hereby approve and authorize:

1. An adjustment to the Emergency Medical Services Supplemental Paramedic Special Tax in the amount of \$0.37 based on the Bay Area Consumer Price Index from \$13.21 per benefit unit to \$13.58 per benefit unit effective July 1, 2008; and
2. Authorize and direct the Alameda County Auditor-Controller's Office and the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office to impose and collect the Supplemental Paramedic Special Tax of \$13.58 per benefit unit effective July 1, 2008 on behalf of the Alameda County Fire Department.

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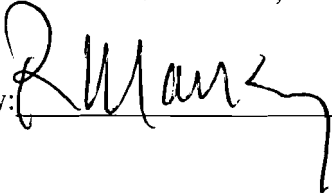
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, JUNE 16, 2008.

AYES:  
NOES:  
EXCUSED:

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SCOTT HAGGERTY  
President of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Alameda, State of California

Approved as to Form:  
RICHARD E. WINNIE, County Counsel

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