


Office of the City Manager

Date: November 18, 2003
To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
From:  Phil Kamlarz, Acting City Manager
Subject: Alternative Language Related to Re-authorization of Parcel Tax

This memorandum provides to the City Council alternative language related to the re-authorization provision in the draft ordinance related to the Special Tax for Fire Services.

The current language include in Section 13 of the draft ordinance establishes that the measure “shall be deemed repealed as of June 30, 2010.” The implication is that the voters would have to re-authorize the tax measure at an election prior to that date. The reauthorization would require a 2/3 majority (67%) approval.

Alternative language is being provided for Council consideration that would provide for the same re-authorization provision, however it would establish that only a 50% voter-approval rate would be required for the reauthorization.

cc: City Clerk
City Attorney

Attachment

tCurrent Proposal:

Section 13. Termination of tax.

This tax shall terminate, and this Chapter shall be deemed repealed, as of June 30, 2010.

Alternate proposal:

Section 13. Automatic referendum concerning termination of tax.

No earlier than November 2008 and no later than June 30, 2010, the City Council shall place a measure on the ballot to repeal this tax. The question shall be stated substantially as "Shall the Special Tax for Fire Services be repealed?" If a majority of the votes cast is in favor of repeal, the tax shall be repealed, effective at the end of the fiscal year in which the election occurs.