

Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR

June 22, 2004

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From:  Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Subject: Tax Rate For Fiscal Year 2005 To Fund The Provision Of Emergency Medical Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt first reading of an Ordinance levying a special tax of \$0.026280 per square foot of improvements to fund the provision of emergency medical services to Berkeley residents.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS:

The City tax rate is being adjusted by the increase of 0.5682 % in the cost of living in the immediate San Francisco Bay Area, as required under the measure passed by the voters. This results in a rate increase from \$0.026112 to \$0.026280.

BACKGROUND:

On May 6, 1997, the voters authorized the City to replace the Emergency Medical Services Assessment District, with an Emergency Medical Services Tax, an action that was necessitated by the requirements of State Proposition 218. On November 7, 2000, voters approved Measure X, amending Section 12 of Ordinance No. 6374-N.S., to re-authorize the City, for a period of four years, to spend the tax as approved by the voters on May 6, 1997. The City Council is authorized to increase the tax to the extent that the cost of living in the immediate San Francisco Bay Area has increased.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

It is estimated that the tax will cost taxpayers no more than the following average amounts during Fiscal Year 2005:

<u>Square Feet</u>	<u>Annual Tax</u>	<u>Annual Tax</u>
	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2004</u>
1,200	\$31.54	\$31.33
1,500	39.42	39.17
1,900	49.93	49.62
3,000	78.84	78.34
3,900	102.49	101.84
10,000	262.80	261.12

This tax rate will result in estimated total collections of approximately \$1,975,000. This estimate is approximately \$25,000 less than the estimate included in the City Manager's proposed budget, which assumed a 2% annual cost of living adjustment.

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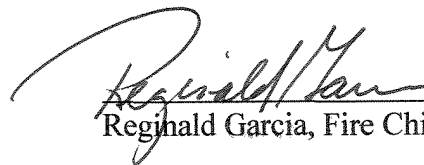
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ORDINANCE NO. -N.S.

LEVYING A SPECIAL TAX TO FUND THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. The Fiscal Year 2005 Tax Rate for the Emergency Medical Services is set at \$0.026280.

Section 2. The cost to taxpayers during Fiscal Year 2005 will be \$31.54 for a 1,200 square foot home and \$78.84 for a 3,000 square foot home.

Section 3. This tax rate will result in estimated total collections of approximately \$1,975,000.

Section 4. Copies of this Ordinance shall be posted for two days prior to adoption in the glass case located near the walkway in front of Old City Hall, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Within fifteen days of adoption, copies of this Ordinance shall be filed at each branch of the Berkeley Public Library and the title shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

