



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
June 10, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager

Submitted by: Robert Hicks, Director, Finance Department

Subject: FY 2015 Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Emergency Medical Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2015 tax rate for funding the provision of emergency medical services to Berkeley residents at \$0.0336 (3.36 cents) per square foot of improvements.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The tax levy of the recommended \$0.0336 per square footage will result in estimated total collections of \$2,640,032 for the Emergency Medical Services fund. The increase in the tax rate of \$.0009 per square foot will result in a \$1.71 annual increase for the citywide average 1900 square foot home.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The FY 2014 tax of \$.0327 is being adjusted by the annual cost of living increase of 2.7874% in the immediate San Francisco Bay Area, as authorized by the voters on May 6, 1997.

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the levy of a special tax of \$0.0336 per square foot of all improvements in the City of Berkeley. The tax will result in a cost to taxpayers in the following average amounts during Fiscal Year 2015, as compared with amounts for FY 2014:

| Square Feet | Annual Tax | |
|-------------|------------|---------|
| | FY 2015 | FY 2014 |
| 1,200 | \$40.32 | \$39.24 |
| 1,500 | 50.40 | 49.05 |
| 1,900 | 63.84 | 62.13 |
| 3,000 | 100.80 | 98.10 |
| 3,900 | 131.04 | 127.53 |
| 10,000 | 336.00 | 327.00 |

BACKGROUND

On May 6, 1997, the voters authorized the City to replace the Emergency Medical Services Assessment District, with an Emergency Medical Services Tax. On November 6, 2012, over 89% of Berkeley voters approved Measure P to re-authorize the City, for a period of four (4) years through FY 2016, to spend the to spend the Emergency Medical Services tax.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental opportunities or impacts associated with the subject of this report.

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Attachments:

1: Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. -N.S.

SETTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 SPECIAL TAX RATE TO FUND THE PROVISION
OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF BERKELEY

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

Section 1. The FY 2015 Tax Rate for Emergency Medical Services is set at \$0.0336 per square foot of taxable improvements.

Section 2. The cost to taxpayers during FY 2015 will be \$40.32 for a 1,200 square foot home and \$100.80 for a 3,000 square foot home.

Section 3. This tax rate will result in estimated total collections of \$2,640,032.

Section 4. Copies of this Ordinance shall be posted for two days prior to adoption in the display case located near the walkway in front of Old City Hall, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Within 15 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.

