



Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

ACTION CALENDAR

June 10, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
 Submitted by: Neil Goldstein, Chairperson, Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
 Subject: Annual Adjustment of Measure GG Tax Rate

RECOMMENDATION

Increase the rate of tax imposed under Measure GG in Fiscal Year 2015 at a rate of the lesser of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or the Personal Income Growth (PIG) with a minimum of 2%.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The rate at which the special Measure GG tax will be assessed will be adjusted in FY 2015.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At the April 23, 2014 Disaster & Fire Safety Commission meeting the commission recommended that there be an increase in the rate of tax imposed under Measure GG in Fiscal Year 2015 at a rate of the lesser of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or the Personal Income Growth (PIG) with a minimum of 2%. Motion: Mitchell, Second: Flasher, Vote: (Ayes: Flasher, Gage, Grimes, Mitchell, Goldstein; Noes: Hamm; None; Abstain.; Absent: Zummo).

The City collects a parcel tax based on square footage of improvements under authority of Measure GG (Sec. 7.81.010 of the Municipal Code). The City Council may increase the amount of the per-square-foot assessment annually by an amount up to the greater of the cost of living in the immediate San Francisco Bay Area or per capita personal income growth in the state under Sec. 7.81.020 of the Municipal Code. At the time of the commission action on April 23, these benchmarks were not yet published.

The funds collected under the tax may be expended only for the purposes specified in Sec. 7.81.010 of the Municipal Code.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the action requested in this report.

BACKGROUND

The Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (D&FSC) is charged with the responsibility for citizen oversight of expenditures of funds collected with the special tax provided for in Measure GG and with making recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council as to the rate at which the tax should be set and how any tax proceeds should be spent.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Increase of Measure GG revenue collections in step with benchmarks is necessary to sustain disaster preparedness programs implemented through this funding.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Increase in the tax rate to the other of the allowable benchmarks.

CITY MANAGER

See the City Manager companion report.

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