

## RESOLUTION 17/2014

### A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CORTE MADERA SUPPORTING AND ENDORSING THE LEVY OF PARCEL TAX TO FINANCE A NEW COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

#### SECTION 1. FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera does hereby find and declare the following:

- I. Public safety and emergency radio communications are vital to our first responders and the communities they serve. Public safety and emergency radio communications in our jurisdiction are currently provided by our membership in the Marin Emergency Radio Authority.
- II. The Marin Emergency Radio Authority is a joint exercise of powers agency comprised of the City of Belvedere, Bolinas Fire Protection District, Town of Corte Madera, Town of Fairfax, Inverness Public Utility District, Kentfield Fire Protection District, City of Larkspur, County of Marin, Marin Community College District, Marinwood Community Services District, City of Mill Valley, Novato Fire Protection District, City of Novato, Town of Ross, Ross Valley Fire Department, Town of San Anselmo, City of San Rafael, City of Sausalito, Southern Marin Fire District, Town of Tiburon, Tiburon Fire Protection district, Central Marin Police Authority, Marin County Transit District, Marin Municipal Water District, and Stinson Beach Fire District, existing as an entity separate from its member agencies and organized under California Government Code Sections 6500, et seq., for the purpose of constructing and operating a countywide public safety and emergency radio system in the County of Marin.
- III. The Marin Emergency Radio Authority has determined the need to replace the existing countywide public safety and emergency radio system as a result of several factors that include the age and obsolescence of the current system, user demand exceeds the current system's capacity, the current system cannot meet new FCC standards that are effective in 2017, and federal law that requires that the current public safety and emergency radio frequencies be turned back to the federal government in 2021. The Marin Emergency Radio Authority plans to have a new replacement system operational in 2018 to ensure reliable public safety and emergency radio communications.
- IV. On December 11, 2013, the Governing Board of the Marin Emergency Radio Authority approved a project financing plan that includes the levy of a parcel tax (the "Parcel Tax") to finance the capital costs of the new system to offset such costs to its member agencies. The proposed Parcel Tax is \$29.00 annually per parcel for a single family residence, and varies based on land use, such as multi-family housing, commercial, industrial and agricultural uses, and includes an exemption for income-qualified senior homeowners. The

Parcel Tax is scheduled to be submitted to Marin County voters at the November 4, 2014 election.

- V. On December 11, 2013, the Governing Board of the Marin Emergency Radio Authority further approved the establishment of an Independent Citizen Oversight Committee to review the collection and expenditure of the Parcel Tax revenues. The Committee would consist of at least five members, who would be residents of Marin County.

**SECTION 2. RESOLUTION**

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the findings contained in Section 1 above, the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera does hereby resolve to support and endorse the Parcel Tax as approved by the Governing Board of the Marin Emergency Radio Authority Governing Board.

**SECTION 3. VOTE**

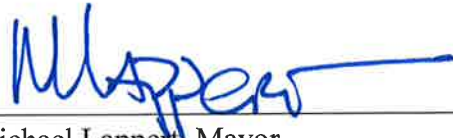
PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera, State of California, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2014 by the following vote to-wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Bailey, Condon, Furst, Lappert, Ravasio

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS



Michael Lappert, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Rebecca Vaughn, Town Clerk