

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07
(Uncodified)

(An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County)
Authorizing a Special Tax for Police Protection Services in Zone 1514
of County Service Area P-6

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors ORDAINS as follows:

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE AND INTENT. It is the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to authorize the levy of a tax on parcels of real property on the secured property tax roll of Contra Costa County that are within Zone 1514 of Contra Costa County Service Area No. P-6 in order to augment funding for police protection services.

This tax is a special tax within the meaning of Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution. Because the burden of this tax falls upon property, this tax also is a property tax, but this tax is not determined according to nor in any manner based upon the value of property; this tax is levied on a parcel and use of property basis. Insofar as not inconsistent with this Ordinance or with legislation authorizing special taxes and insofar as applicable to a property tax that is not based on value, such provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code and of Article XIII of the California Constitution as relate to *ad valorem* property taxes are intended to apply to the collection and administration of this tax (Article IV of this Ordinance), as authorized by law.

The revenues raised by this tax are to be used solely for the purposes of obtaining, furnishing, operating, and maintaining police protection equipment or apparatus, for paying the salaries and benefits of police protection personnel, and for such other police protection service expenses as are deemed necessary.

ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS. The following definitions shall apply throughout the Ordinance:

1. "Parcel" means the land and any improvements thereon, designated by an assessor's parcel map and parcel number and carried on the secured property tax roll of Contra Costa County. For the purposes of the Ordinance, "parcel" does not include any land or improvements outside the boundaries of Zone 1514 of County Service Area P-6 nor any land or improvements owned by any governmental entity.
2. "Fiscal year" means the period of July 1 through the following June 30.
3. Contra Costa County Service Area P-6 Zone 1514 (hereinafter called "Zone") means that portion of unincorporated area of Contra Costa County located within the Zone's boundaries described and shown in Exhibits A and B attached hereto.
4. "Use Code" means the code number assigned by the Assessor of Contra Costa County in order to classify parcels according to use for *ad valorem* property tax purposes. A copy

of the Assessor's use code classifications chart is attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein.

5. "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Area (1982-84=100) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the Consumer Price Index is discontinued or revised, such other government index or computation with which it is replaced shall be used in order to obtain substantially the same result as would be obtained if the Consumer Price Index had not been discontinued or revised.

6. "Constant first year dollars" shall mean an actual dollar amount which, in years subsequent to the first fiscal year the tax is levied, shall have the same purchasing power as the base amount in first fiscal year dollars as measured by the Consumer Price Index. The base amount shall be the amount of tax per parcel as specified in Article III 1A herein. The adjustment from actual to constant dollars shall be made by use of the Consumer Price Index, as specified in Section III 1B herein.

ARTICLE III. AMOUNT AND LEVEL OF TAXES

1. The tax per year on each parcel in the Zone shall not exceed the amount applicable to the parcel as specified below.

A. For First Fiscal Year:

The tax per year for the first fiscal year (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) shall be the Amount of Tax per Parcel for the Property Use Code Category as set forth in Exhibit D incorporated herein.

B. For Subsequent Fiscal Years:

In order to keep the tax on each parcel in constant first year dollars for each fiscal year subsequent to the first fiscal year, the tax per year shall be adjusted as set forth below to reflect any increase in the Consumer Price Index beyond the first fiscal year a tax is levied.

In July, the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County shall determine the amount of taxes to be levied upon the parcels in the Zone for the then current fiscal year as set forth below.

For each Property Use Category on Exhibit C, the tax per year on each parcel for each fiscal year subsequent to the first fiscal year shall be an amount determined as follows:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{Tax Per Parcel} & & \text{Tax Per Parcel} \\ \text{For Then Current} & = & \text{For Previous} \\ \text{Fiscal Year} & & \text{Fiscal Year} \end{array} \quad \times \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(Consumer Price Index} \\ \text{for April of Immediately} \\ \text{Preceding Fiscal Year)} \\ \text{(Consumer Price Index} \\ \text{For the first Fiscal Year} \\ \text{Of Levy)} \end{array}$$

In no event shall the tax per parcel for any fiscal year be less than the amount established for the first fiscal year.

2. The taxes levied on each parcel pursuant to this Article shall be a charge upon the parcel and shall be due and collectible as set forth in Article IV, below. A complete listing of the amount of taxes on each Zone shall be maintained by the Sheriff-Coroner of the County of Contra Costa at Martinez, California, and be available for public inspection during the remainder of the fiscal year for which such taxes are levied.

ARTICLE IV. COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION.

1. Taxes as Liens Against the Property.

The amount of taxes for each parcel each year shall constitute a lien on such property, in accordance with Revenue and Taxation Code section 2187, and shall have the same effect as an *ad valorem* real property tax lien until fully paid.

2. Collection.

The taxes on each parcel shall be billed on the secured roll tax bills for *ad valorem* property taxes and shall be due the County of Contra Costa. Insofar as feasible and insofar as not inconsistent with this Ordinance, the taxes are to be collected in the same manner in which the County collects secured roll *ad valorem* property taxes. Insofar as feasible and insofar as not inconsistent with the Ordinance, the times and procedure regarding exemptions, due dates, installment payments, corrections, cancellations, refunds, late payments, penalties, liens, and collection for secured roll *ad valorem* property taxes shall be applicable to the collection of this tax. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, as to this tax: 1) the secured roll tax bills shall be the only notices required for this tax, and 2) the homeowner and veterans exemptions shall not be applicable because such exemptions are determined by dollar amount value.

3. Costs of Administration by the County.

The reasonable costs incurred by the County officers collecting and administering this tax shall be deducted from the collected taxes.

ARTICLE V. ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES.

1. Account.

Upon the levy and collection of the tax authorized by this ordinance, an account shall be created into which the proceeds of the tax will be deposited. The proceeds of the tax authorized by this Ordinance shall be applied only to the specific purposes identified in this Ordinance.

2. Annual Report.

An annual report that complies with the requirements of Government Code section 50075.3 shall be filed with the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County no later than January 1 of each fiscal year in which the tax is levied.

ARTICLE V. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any article, section, subsection, sentence, phrase or clause of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance. The voters of the Zone hereby declare that they would have adopted the remainder of the Ordinance, including each article, section, subsection, sentence phrase or clause, irrespective of the invalidity of any other article, section, subsection, sentence, phrase or clause.

ARTICLE VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its confirmation by two-thirds of the voters voting within Zone 1514 in an election to be held on July 14, 2015, so that taxes shall first be collected hereunder for the tax year beginning July, 1, 2016. Within 15 days of passage, this Ordinance shall be published once, with the names of the Supervisors voting for and against it, in the Contra Costa Times, a newspaper of general circulation published in this County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, County of Contra Costa, State of California, on May 12, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Gioia, Andersen, Piepho, Mitchoff

NOES: None

ABSENT: Glover

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST: DAVID J. TWA, Clerk of the Board
of Supervisors and County Administrator

By: Stacey M Boyd
Deputy

Chair of the Board of Supervisors

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