

**FULL TEXT OF MEASURE F
ORDINANCE NO. 2-82
ORDINANCE IMPOSING A SPECIAL TAX FOR
FIRE PROTECTION, PREVENTION, AND OTHER SERVICES
OF THE FREEDOM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Freedom Fire Protection District do ordain as follows:

SECTION I

NECESSITY FOR SPECIAL TAX. The Board of Directors of the Freedom Fire Protection District find it necessary to hereby determine and propose for adoption a special tax for fire protection, prevention, and other services which the District is authorized to render under Fire Protection District Law of 1961, as amended, as set forth at Health and Safety Code Sections 13801 and following.

SECTION II

IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL TAX UPON VOTER APPROVAL. The Board of Directors of the Freedom Fire Protection District hereby enact an ordinance authorizing imposition of a special tax to be submitted on November 2, 1982 to the voters of the District and to take effect on approval of two-thirds of the voters voting upon said ordinance. The special tax thereby authorized to be imposed by the District shall be as follows:

USE CLASSI- FICATION	ACTUAL LAND USE	AMOUNT
UNIMPROVED LAND (excluding agricultural parcels)		
50, 51 52, 53 40, 41	Residential single family dwelling sites, multiple family dwelling sites, commercial parcels, industrial parcels, open spaces and scenic easements, under 20 acres	\$30.00
54	Parcels equal to or greater than 20 acres and less than 50 acres	\$36.00
55	Parcels equal to or greater than 50 acres and less than 100 acres	\$45.00
56	Parcels equal to or greater than 100 acres and less than 200 acres	\$60.00
57	Parcels equal to or greater than 200 acres and less than 400 acres	\$90.00
58	Parcels equal to or greater than 400 acres	\$120.00
AGRICULTURAL PARCELS		
36	Grazing land, pastures, dry farming	\$60.00
28, 29 30, 31 61	Feedlots, row crops, field crops, vineyards or chards, vegetable farming, berry farming diversified farming, and dairy operations	\$90.00
35	Retail nurseries, green houses	\$120.00
32	Poultry farming	\$150.00
IMPROVED RESIDENTIAL PARCELS		
9, 10 11, 37	One single family dwelling including condominium or townhouse units on sites of less than 5 acres	\$60.00
12, 38 39, 45 46	Two to three single family dwellings and apartments that have 2 to 3 units, and large rural homesites on less than 50 acres	\$90.00
47	Multiple residences or apartments with 4 to 15 units and large rural home sites on more than 50 acres and less than 100 acres	\$105.00
48	Multiple residences or apartments with 16 to 30 units and large rural home sites on more than 100 acres and less than 200 acres	\$120.00
49	Multiple residences or apartments with more than 31 units and large rural homesites on more than 200 acres	\$150.00
24	Mobile home parks for park plus per space	\$60.00 \$10.00
DEVELOPED COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PARCELS		
59	Utility company or mutual water company lands and pump stations	\$60.00
18, 19 20, 21 65, 66	Medical, dental, bank or financial building parcels, auto sales, repair, and storage, used car lots, parcels with shell type buildings or storage buildings, and offices	\$120.00

17, 33 68, 70	Parcels with single or multiple story buildings used primarily for retail commercial purpose, retail stores, small commercial developments, car washes, service stations, drive-in restaurants, coin-operated laundries	\$135.00
26, 67	Restaurants, food processing (canning, bottling etc.)	\$150.00
14, 15 16, 22 43, 69 71, 13	Light manufacturing, industrial or research parcels, labor camps, hotels, motels, super markets, mining and rock quarries, batch plants, private schools, and shopping centers, rooming houses, recreational parks	\$180.00
63	Hospitals, convalescent hospitals, rest homes	\$210.00
25, 27 44	Parcels used for heavy manufacturing, heavy industry, warehousing, lumber yards, packing sheds, airports	\$240.00
DEVELOPED INSTITUTIONAL PARCELS		
60	Cemeteries	\$60.00
23, 62	Parcels used for amusement, organizational camps, fraternal organizations, libraries	\$135.00
34	Churches	\$150.00
42	Private tank lots, well lots, right of ways	\$30.00
73, 74	Taxable publicly owned properties (leased by private entities)	\$90.00
75	Parcels with buildings not enumerated above	\$30.00
76	City owned properties	\$60.00
77	County owned properties	\$60.00
78	State owned properties	\$60.00
79	Federally owned properties	\$60.00

SECTION III

AUTHORITY FOR REDUCED AMOUNTS. The Board of Directors of the Freedom Fire Protection District shall be authorized to annually establish the amount of the special tax at or below the amounts set forth at Section II hereof. Said Board may establish a reduced amount for the special tax imposed for any parcel upon which there is an installed sprinkler system or other fire protection system approved by the District.

SECTION IV

ANNUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF AMOUNT. At the time of adoption of its annual final budget, the Board of Directors of the Freedom Fire Protection District shall establish the amount of the special tax to be levied during the ensuing fiscal year, provided, however, that such tax shall not exceed the maximum amounts set forth in Section II hereof.

SECTION V

COLLECTION. The special tax imposed by this ordinance shall be collected with and in the same manner as, and be subject to the same penalty as, other taxes fixed and collected by the County of Santa Cruz on behalf of the Freedom Fire Protection District. The County of Santa Cruz may deduct its reasonable costs incurred for such service before remittal of the balance to the Freedom Fire Protection District.

SECTION VI

REGULATIONS. The Board of Directors of the Freedom Fire Protection District may from time to time adopt regulations necessary or convenient for the administration and enforcement of the special tax provided herein; provided that any such regulation be consistent with the purpose and intent of this ordinance.

SECTION VII

APPEALS. The Board of Directors of the Freedom Fire Protection District is established as the Board of Appeals for any and all appeals to the application of various charges listed in Section II hereof. The Board shall establish the rules relating to such appeals and a method of processing same.

SECTION VIII

AMENDMENTS TO CONFORM WITH JUDGMENT OF COURT. If any part of this ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable by the final judgement of any court, that part may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Freedom Fire Protection District to conform with the judgment of such court, provided that any such amendment be consistent with the purpose and intent of this ordinance.

SECTION IX

SEVERABILITY. If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid by the final judgment of any court, such judgment shall not effect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The people of the Freedom Fire Protection District hereby declare that they would have adopted this ordinance and each and every section, subsection, phrase, clause, or part thereof irrespective of whether any one or more section, subsections, sentence, phrase, clauses or parts may be declared invalid.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE F

The Freedom Fire District has built a quality fire department, with fully qualified trained regular and volunteer firemen to bring the people of our community the best service we can possibly deliver. Our current needs are:

1. A new tanker truck. Our present tanker has been repaired as many times as possible. An efficient tanker is an absolute necessity in our rural area.
2. Many of our hoses are 15 and 20 years old and need to be replaced.
3. New hydrants need to be installed where there are none now.
4. Some money is needed to keep our trucks and equipment in excellent condition at all times.
5. We have to fight inflation too. In recent years property tax revenues no longer can cover the basic needs and expenses of the Freedom Fire Department.

In addition, with the 911 emergency number now in effect, we answer medical and accident calls. We respond to 10 to 20 calls per week compared to 5 or 10 calls per month for fires.

The Freedom Fire District needs your support to maintain our level of service. Until this year, we have never asked for any user's fee, and WE PROMISE only to collect this fee when absolutely necessary.

We are so very proud to serve you. With your help, your Freedom Fire Department will continue to provide the best quality of service at the least possible cost.

s/ Norman Craven
s/ Phyllis Espindola
s/ Robert M. Lee

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE
WAS SUBMITTED

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