

**FULL TEXT OF MEASURE B
ORDINANCE NO. 1983-16**

ORDINANCE IMPOSING A SPECIAL TAX FOR FIRE PROTECTION, PREVENTION, AND OTHER SERVICES OF THE CENTRAL SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION AGENCY

The Board of Directors of the Central Santa Cruz County Fire Protection Agency do ordain as follows:

SECTION I

NECESSITY FOR SPECIAL TAX. The Board of Directors of the Central Santa Cruz County Fire Protection Agency 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 Central Santa Cruz County Fire Protection Agency hereby enact an ordinance authorizing imposition of a special tax to be submitted on June 7, 1983 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 CLASSIFICATION

**ACTUAL LAND USE
UNIMPROVED LAND
(excluding agricultural parcels)**

AMOUNT

50, 51	Residential single family dwelling sites, multiple family dwelling sites, commercial parcels, industrial parcels, open spaces and scenic easements, under 20 acres	\$45.00
52, 53		
40, 41		
54	Parcels equal to or greater than 20 acres and less than 50 acres	\$54.00
55	Parcels equal to or greater than 50 acres and less than 100 acres	\$67.50
56	Parcels equal to or greater than 100 acres and less than 200 acres	\$90.00
57	Parcels equal to or greater than 200 acres and less than 400 acres	\$135.00
58	Parcels equal to or greater than 400 acres	\$180.00

AGRICULTURAL PARCELS

36	Grazing land, pastures, dry farming	\$90.00
30	Dairy operations	\$135.00
35	Retail nurseries, greenhouses	\$180.00
32	Poultry farming	\$225.00

IMPROVED RESIDENTIAL PARCELS

9, 10	One single family dwelling including condominium or townhouse units on sites of less than 5 acres	\$90.00
11, 37		
12, 38	Two to three single family dwellings and apartments that have 2 to 3 units, and large rural homesites on less than 50 acres	\$135.00
39, 45		
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13, 47	Multiple residences or apartments with 4 to 15 units and large rural homesites on more than 50 acres and less than 100 acres	\$157.50
13, 48	Multiple residences or apartments with 16 to 30 units and large rural homesites on more than 100 acres and less than 200 acres	\$180.00
13, 49	Multiple residences or apartments with more than 31 units and large rural homesites on more than 200 acres	\$225.00
24	Mobile home parks	\$90.00
	for park plus per space	\$15.00

**DEVELOPED COMMERCIAL AND
INDUSTRIAL PARCELS**

18, 19	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	\$180.00
20, 21		
65, 66		
17, 33	Parcels with single or multiple story buildings used primarily for retail commercial purpose, retail stores,	\$202.50
64, 68		

70	small commercial developments, service stations, drive-in restaurants, coin-operated laundries, car washes	
26, 67	Restaurants, food processing (canning, bottling etc.)	\$225.00
14, 15	Labor camps, hotels, motels, supermarkets, mining and rock quarries, batch plants, private schools, rooming houses	\$270.00
16, 43		
69, 71		
63	Hospitals, convalescent hospitals, rest homes	\$225.00
22, 25	Manufacturing, industrial or research parcels, lumber yards, packing sheds, warehousing, shopping centers	\$360.00
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DEVELOPED INSTITUTIONAL PARCELS

60	Cemetaries	\$90.00
23, 62	Parcels used for amusement, organizational camps, fraternal organizations, libraries	\$202.50
34	Churches	\$225.00
73, 74	Taxable publicly owned properties (leased by private entities)	\$135.00
75	Parcels with buildings not enumerated above	\$45.00

SECTION III

AUTHORITY FOR REDUCED AMOUNTS. The Board of Directors of the Central Santa Cruz County Fire Protection Agency shall be authorized to annually establish the amount of the special tax at or below the amounts set forth at Section II hereof.

SECTION IV

ANNUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF AMOUNT. At the time of adopting of its annual final budget, the Board of Directors of the Central Santa Cruz County Fire Protection Agency 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 and shall not annually exceed the sum of the following: (a) \$260,000.00, the annual unfunded need of the Agency; (b) an amount equal to the percentage annual increase of the April to April Consumer Price Index for San Francisco-Oakland Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers applied to said \$260,000.00; and (c) the annual amount, if any, by which the Special District Augmentation Fund is reduced by the State of California or the County of Santa Cruz.

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 Central Santa Cruz County Fire Protection Agency. The County of Santa Cruz may deduct its reasonable costs incurred for such service before remittal of the balance to the Central Santa Cruz County Fire Protection Agency.

SECTION VI

REGULATIONS. The Board of Directors of the Central Santa Cruz County Fire Protection Agency 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 Central Santa Cruz County Fire Protection Agency 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 the 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 judgment of any court, that part may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Central Santa Cruz County Fire Protection Agency 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 affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The people of the Central Santa Cruz County Fire Protection Agency 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, subsection, sentence, phrase, clause, or part may be declared invalid.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

This measure guarantees control by your locally elected Fire Directors to provide the minimum level of fire protection. Funds from the State have not kept pace with costs. Much needed repairs for Fire Department vehicles, equipment and Stations, and the provision of a minimum manning level, have had to be delayed. Additionally, this special tax guarantees that if the State or County government arbitrarily reduces Fire Department funds, they will be able to provide this minimum level of service to residents.

Presently, 50% of the revenues used to operate the Fire Department comes from the State of California, through the County of Santa Cruz in the form of Special District Augmentation funds. We are all aware of the financial problems of State and County budgets, and your elected fire officials do not have any control as to the financing of over 50% of their budgets. Should State or County Government decide to resolve their financial trouble through the use of these funds, they could easily take away your services.

The fee to be imposed shall not exceed that which is necessary to generate sufficient revenues, as stated and outlined in the ordinance, that would allow our Department to make major repairs or replace Fire Department vehicles and equipment, to make vital repairs to Stations and grounds, and to attain minimum manning levels in order to effectively respond to meet the emergency needs of our 35,000 residents throughout the Live Oak and Soquel communities.

We, your fellow citizens, support the Board of Directors and employees of the Central Santa Cruz County Fire Protection Agency, and urge you to vote "YES" on the special tax for fire protection and emergency medical services. We are being given the opportunity to determine and guarantee the level of service we desire from our Fire Department.

s/ Gabrisch V. Crabtree

s/ Michael J. Ponza

s/ David A. Tunno

s/ William B. Castro

s/ Carl F. Johns

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE
WAS SUBMITTED

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