



PARAMEDIC TAX OVERRIDE RATE ORDINANCE FOR FY 2012-13

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resulted in paramedic units being dispatched only to paramedic unit service calls. The paramedic assessment units allowed for faster paramedic response and greater paramedic availability.

As noted above, the volume of paramedics call has greatly increased. For the past five years, the Fire Department has averaged 10,979 calls for service per year. Of those calls, an average of 5,817 were for paramedic level services, representing 53% of the total.

As the paramedic program expanded to meet the five-minute response standard, the cost to maintain the program also grew. The current property tax override of 6 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation is no longer adequate to cover program costs. The City's General Fund has made up the difference between what the property tax override generated and the cost of providing paramedic services. Given current economic conditions, the City's General Fund can no longer afford to subsidize this cost and must close the gap between what is collected and the cost of providing services. The actual cost of providing paramedic services is approximately \$7 million (see Attachment 1).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The current property tax override of 6 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation generates about \$6 million dollars. An adjustment of an addition 1 cent per \$100 of assessed valuation would address the shortfall between program costs and revenue currently collected. Adjusting the rate to 7 cents will generate approximately \$7 million annually, which to date will fully fund the city's paramedic program.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

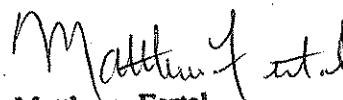
- Introduce and conduct the first reading of the attached Ordinance authorizing a property tax override of 7 cents per \$100 of assessed value beginning with the 2012-13 fiscal year paramedic program.



DAVE BERTKA  
Fire Chief

Attachment 1: Paramedic Program Cost Analysis  
Attachment 2: Ordinance

**Recommended for Approval**



**Matthew Fertal**  
City Manager

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM COST ANALYSIS  
PARAMEDIC TAX REIMBURSEMENT  
FY 2011-2012

5 Yr. Average Total Calls for Service	10,979
5 Yr. Average Medical Aid Calls	9,225
5 Yr. Average Paramedic Unit Service Calls	5,817
5 Yr. Average Paramedic Unit Service Call Ratio	0.5298

Paramedic Program Cost Analysis

	<u>Full Cost</u>
<b>Direct Cost (Division 52)</b>	
Labor	4,099,060
Non-Labor	127,270
Capitol Outlay	0
Equip Pool (Paramedic Trucks)	67,104
Insurance	7,805
	<u>4,301,239</u>
<b>Other Allocable Costs</b>	
Dispatch Costs (53.0% of \$623,700)	330,561
Fire Engines (53.0% of \$756,000)	400,680
Captains (53.0% of Cost [172,000*15])	1,367,400
Fire Engineers (53.0% of Cost[144,000*15])	1,144,800
Training Support	10,000
	<u>3,253,441</u>
 Gross Paramedic Program Cost	 <u>7,554,680</u>
<b>Reimbursements</b>	
Paramedic Pers Reimbursement	267,000
Medical Supply Reimbursement	116,000
Non-Resident Reimbursement	170,000
	<u>553,000</u>
 <b>Net Paramedic Program Cost</b>	 <u><u>7,001,680</u></u>

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES THAT MUST BE  
RAISED BY AN AD VALOREM TAX OVERRIDE AND THE SETTING OF THE TAX RATE  
OF SAID OVERRIDE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE DOES ORDAIN AS  
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: In June 1974, over sixty percent (60%) of the Garden Grove voters approved an ad valorem tax override to provide emergency medical care service (Paramedic Services) to the community and thereby incurring a debt consisting of personnel and equipment payment obligations.

SECTION 2: Property taxes for indebtedness approved by the voters prior to July 1, 1978, are authorized pursuant to Section 93 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

SECTION 3: The City Council of the City of Garden Grove hereby declares it is necessary to raise an estimated \$7,000,000, through the use of an ad valorem tax override on the taxable property within the city of Garden Grove to maintain and pay for the emergency medical care services. Such indebtedness to be paid includes personnel salaries, training costs, equipment purchases, and maintenance of all equipment acquired previously for paramedic services purpose.

SECTION 4: The tax rate for the authorized ad valorem tax override as approved by voters of all assessable real and personal property for the Fiscal Year 2012-13 shall be 7.0 cents (\$.070) per one-hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation, using as a basis the value of the property as assessed and equalized by the County of Orange, State of California, and shown on the 2012-13 assessment roll of said County.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall exclude from Section 4 annexations of assessable, real and personal property to the City of Garden Grove after July 1, 1978, indicated by the listing on the attached document designated Exhibit "A."

SECTION 6: Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, words, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 7: The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same, or the summary thereof, to be published and posted pursuant to the provisions of law and this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption.

EXHIBIT "A"

Listed Annexations Finalized After July 1, 1978 and  
Not Subject to Paramedic Tax Override

Annexation No./ Reorganization No.	City Resolution Number	Date Completed
1-78	5573-78	August 8, 1978
2-78	5634-78	October 24, 1978
3-78	5637-78	November 28, 1978
4-78	5670-78	November 30, 1978
5-78	5671-78	November 30, 1978
7-78	5731-79	March 30, 1979
1-79	5813-79	July 30, 1979
141	7875-96	May 29, 1996