

Ordinance 2022-1
**RE: UPDATING MENDOCINO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SPECIAL
FIRE AND RESCUE TAX**

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2002, the Board of Directors of the Mendocino Fire Protection District passed Ordinance No. 2-1 establishing a Special Tax for fire suppression, prevention and related services under California Government Code Section 53978 and Article X111A of the California Constitution in the amount of \$70.00 per unit each fiscal year, and this levy was approved by the voters of the District in the election held on November 5, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the District has determined that an increase in the amount of this tax is required to ensure continued funding of essential services; and,

WHEREAS, at its meeting on April 14, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Mendocino Fire Protection District set the time and place for consideration of adoption of an Ordinance to repeal the current rate and replace it with a new rate of \$130.00 on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at the Mendocino Fire Station at 44700 Little Lake Road, Mendocino, 95460; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Mendocino Fire Protection District did, on June 29, 2022 vote to repeal the current Ordinance and adopt an Ordinance determining and proposing for voter adoption an update to the SPECIAL FIRE AND RESCUE TAX to be used to obtain, furnish, operate and maintain fire suppression and protection equipment, for paying salaries or benefits to fire fighting personnel, as the Board may determine necessary, and for such other necessary fire protection, suppression and prevention expenses, emergency medical and hazardous response, and search and rescue services provided by the Mendocino Fire Protection District; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Mendocino Fire Protection District determined in said Ordinance that each unit of the proposed updated SPECIAL FIRE AND RESCUE TAX can be increased if necessary on an annual basis by no more than the US Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index Western Region, and that said Special Tax shall be collected in the same manner provided by statute for the collection of property tax and that if a two-thirds voter approval is cast, the said Special Tax will become effective concurrent with the 2023/2024 Property Tax billing cycle with a rate of \$130 per unit; and,

WHEREAS, if any 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 portions of the Ordinance. The Directors of the District here declare that they would have adopted the Ordinance and each section despite the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, phrases or clauses be declared invalid.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Mendocino Fire Protection District SPECIAL FIRE AND RESCUE TAX adopted by this Ordinance be applied to parcels within the District as follows:

<u>Type of Property</u>	<u>Number of Units</u>
Unimproved land	½ Unit
Improved Residential (Single Family & Duplex)	1 Unit
Multiple Residential (3 or more residences on parcel)	1 & ½ Unit per additional residence
RV and Trailer Parks	1 & ½ Unit per permanent housing space
Retail, Office, Service Shops, Wholesale, Light Manufacturing	1 Unit per Business
Restaurant, Bar	4 Units
Lodging	1 Unit & ½ Unit per room
Service Station	3 Units
Non-Governmental, Institutional, Recreational	2 Units

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its confirmation by two-thirds vote of those voters of the District casting votes at the General Election held on November 8, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Mendocino Fire Protection District on June 29, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

Date: June 29, 2022

