

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08**  
(Uncodified)

(An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County)  
Authorizing a Special Tax for Police Protection Services in County Service Area P-5

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 Contra Costa County Service Area No. P-5 in order to augment funding for police protection.

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 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 this 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 this Ordinance, parcel does not include any land or improvements outside the boundaries of County Service Area P-5 nor any land or improvements owned by any governmental agency.

2. "Fiscal year" means the period of July 1 through the following June 30.

3. "Contra Costa County Service Area P-5" (hereinafter called "Service Area") means that portion of the unincorporated area of Contra Costa County located within the Service Area's boundaries.

4. "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.

5. "Constant first year dollars" means 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.1.A. herein. The adjustment from actual to constant dollars shall be made by use of the Consumer Price Index, as specified in Article III.1.B. herein.

### ARTICLE III. AMOUNT AND LEVY OF TAXES.

1. The tax per year on each parcel in the Service Area 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, 2018, through June 30, 2019) shall be \$812.

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 of each subsequent fiscal year, the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County shall determine the amount of taxes to be levied upon the parcels in the Service Area for the then-current fiscal year as set forth below.

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

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 parcel 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 this Ordinance, the times and procedure regarding exemptions, due dates, installment payments, corrections, cancellations, refunds, late payments, penalties, liens, and collections 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 homeowners and veterans exemptions shall not be applicable because such exemptions are determined by dollar amount of 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 of 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 within the Service Area hereby declare that they would have adopted

the remainder of this 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 the Service Area in an election to be held on June 5, 2018, so that taxes shall first be collected hereunder for the tax year beginning July 1, 2018. This Ordinance supercedes Ordinance 2000-38 in its entirety to allow the leveraging of the increased amount of taxes commencing July 1, 2018.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, County of Contra Costa, State of California, on Feb 27, 2018, by the following vote:

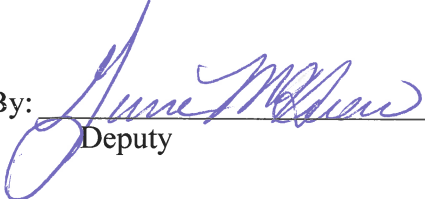
AYES: Groiz, Andersen, Burgis, Mitchoff

NOES: None

ABSENT: Glover

ABSTAIN: None

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

By:   
Deputy

  
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

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