

RESOLUTION #00-44

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3 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL TO SUBMIT A MEASURE**
4 **TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ALBANY RELATING TO AN INCREASE**
5 **IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TAX TO FUND PARAMEDIC**
6 **ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT FIRE ENGINES AND FUTURE AMBULANCE**
7 **PURCHASES.**

8 **WHEREAS**, it is a medical necessity for the City to enhance our Emergency
9 Medical Service [EMS] response from Basic Life Support to Paramedic Advanced Life
10 Support fire engines; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Paramedic Advanced Life Support fire engines will provide
12 advanced medical procedures and will offer many emergency and life saving advantages;
13 and

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15 **WHEREAS**, Paramedic Advanced Life Support fire engines will give the City of
16 Albany 100% Advanced Life Support coverage and maintain a three minute and 30
17 second on-the-scene response time average; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, Paramedic Advanced Life Support fire engine capability is of
20 paramount importance to citywide disaster preparedness; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, to cover the costs of Paramedic Advanced Life Support fire engines
23 and future ambulance purchases, an \$18.00 per year increase in the total EMS tax is
24 needed; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the \$18.00 per Equivalent Residential Unit per year will generate
27 net revenues of over \$123,000.00 annually thus permitting the City to provide Paramedic
28 Advanced Life Support fire engines with existing Paramedic Advanced Life Support
29 transport services and provide funds for new ambulance purchases; and

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2 Section 1 Title: Declaration of Findings and Purpose.

3 This section may be cited as the “Paramedic Advanced Life Support Fire Engines
4 and Ambulance Special Tax”. The special tax imposed under this section is solely for the
5 purpose of raising revenue for the continued and expanded operation of paramedic and
6 ambulance transport services. This section is not enacted for regulatory purposes.

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8 The people of the City find and declare that:

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10 (a) The continuing provision of the City’s Emergency Medical Services
11 Program is a matter of the highest and most urgent necessity; and

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13 (b) It is a medical necessity for the City to enhance our Emergency Medical
14 Service (EMS) response from Basic Life Support to Paramedic Advanced Life Support
15 fire engines; and

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17 (c) Paramedic Advanced Life Support fire engines will provide advanced
18 medical procedures and will offer many emergency and life saving advantages; and

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20 (d) Paramedic Advanced Life Support fire engines will give the City of
21 Albany 100% Advanced Life Support coverage and maintain a three minute and 30
22 second on-the-scene response time average; and

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24 (e) Paramedic Advanced Life Support fire engine capability is of paramount
25 importance to citywide disaster preparedness.

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2 **WHEREAS**, the Albany City Council supports placing a measure on the
3 November 2000 ballot to increase the Emergency Medical Services tax in order to fund
4 Paramedic Advanced Life Support fire engines and future ambulance purchases.
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6 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY**
7 **RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**
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9 That the Alameda County Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to include this
10 Ballot Measure in the Voter Pamphlet and on the Ballot as is set forth hereinafter; and
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12 That the following ballot question, to be numbered or designated by the County of
13 Alameda as a City Council proposed Ballot Measure is to appear as follows:
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15 Shall a special tax of \$18.00 per residential unit be authorized in
16 the City of Albany to fund Paramedic Advanced Life Support
17 [ALS] fire engines and future ambulance purchases as part of
18 the City of Albany's Emergency Medical Services Program?

Yes _____

No _____

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20 That the Voter Pamphlet shall include the ballot question wording to the voters,
21 the question as presented before the text, the exact wording of the text which is as
22 follows:
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24 **BE IT ORDAINED** that the people of the City of Albany adopt the
25 following:
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1 shall be used for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing paramedic advanced life
2 support fire engines and ambulance transport services.

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4 Section 3 Annual Audit

5 A certified public accounting firm retained by the City will perform an annual
6 audit to assure accountability of the proper disbursement of these tax proceeds in
7 accordance with the objectives stated herein.

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9 Section 4 Examination of Books and Records

10 The Director of Finance and Administrative Services or his/her designee, is
11 hereby authorized to examine assessment rolls, property tax records, records of the
12 Alameda County Recorder and any other records of the County of Alameda deemed
13 necessary in order to determine ownership of parcels and computation of the tax imposed
14 by this section.

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16 Section 5 Collection of Tax: Interest and Penalties

17 The City Council is authorized to have the taxes imposed by this section collected
18 by the County of Alameda in conjunction with the County's collection of property tax
19 revenues for the City of Albany. In the event that the County of Alameda collects the
20 taxes imposed by this section, the imposition of penalties, additional fees and interest
21 upon persons who fail to remit any tax imposed by this section, or who fail to remit any
22 delinquent remittance under this section, shall be subject to and governed by the rules,
23 regulations and procedures utilized by the County of Alameda in its collection of property
24 taxes for the City of Albany and its collection of this additional tax for the City of
25 Albany.

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27 Section 6 Collection of Unpaid Taxes

28 The amount of any tax, penalty, and interest imposed under the provisions of this
29 section shall be deemed a debt to the City. Any person owing money under the

1 this Ballot Measure as part of Chapter IV, Section 4.8 et seq. of the Albany Municipal
2 Code or as otherwise directed by the Albany City Clerk.

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4 Section 10 Increase Appropriations Limit

5 Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII B, the appropriation limit for the
6 City of Albany is hereby increased by the aggregate sum authorized to be levied by this
7 special tax for fiscal years 2001/02 and each year thereafter.

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9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

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11 The City Clerk is hereby directed to submit to the City Attorney a certified copy
12 of the Ballot Measure. The City Attorney is hereby authorized to direct and to prepare an
13 impartial analysis of the Measure showing, among other things, the effect of the Measure
14 on the existing law and operation of the Measure. Said analysis to be submitted by the
15 City Attorney to the Registrar of Voters, or other appropriate office of the County of
16 Alameda, for printing by the date set by the City Clerk for the filing of arguments for and
17 against the Measure. The analysis shall not exceed 500 words in length and shall
18 otherwise comply in all respects with the applicable provisions of the Election Code of
19 the State of California.

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21 The Voter Pamphlet shall contain the wording of the Measure as set forth on the
22 ballot.

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24 The City Clerk is hereby directed to file with the Board of Supervisors and the
25 Alameda County Clerk a certified copy of this Resolution, and to take all other actions
26 necessary to effectuate the directives of this resolution.

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28 This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

1 In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, said election shall be held and
2 conducted as provided by law for holding Municipal Elections in the City of Albany and
3 in conjunction with any procedures set forth and agreed upon with Alameda County and
4 in conformity with Resolution #00-24.

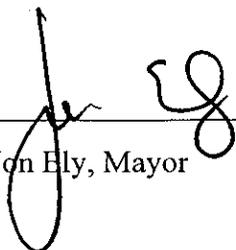
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6 The proposed Ballot Measure, or any other measures may also be submitted, any
7 arguments for and against such measures, and any analysis of any measure or measures
8 be submitted to the City Clerk's office no later than 12:30 p.m., August 18, 2000.

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10 Any rebuttal arguments be submitted to the City Clerk's office by no later than
11 12:30 p.m., August 25, 2000.

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13 Any proposed Ballot Measures and any arguments for or against, and any rebuttal
14 arguments, and any analysis of any Ballot Measures themselves, be placed on public
15 display in the City Clerk's office for a period of at least ten (10) days prior to the time
16 that the information which will be contained in the Voters' Pamphlet will be printed.

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18 The foregoing proposed Ballot Measure or any other Measures be published in a
19 newspaper of general circulation within the City in which that publication shall be
20 completed not more than 89 days nor less than 75 days before the election provided
21 herein.

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Jon Ely, Mayor



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

this 17th day of July, 2000, by the following votes:

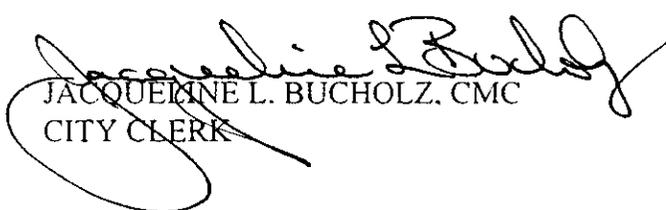
AYES: Council Members Maris, McManus & Mayor Ely

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Members Good & Thomsen

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 18th

day of July, 2000.


JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

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