

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION FORM

FROM: Dan Foote, City Attorney
THROUGH: N/A
DATE: December 7, 2021
ITEM: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE: An ordinance levying a property tax for the purpose of funding fire and emergency medical services.

_____ DIRECTION
_____ INFORMATION
 _____ ORDINANCE
_____ MOTION
_____ RESOLUTION
_____ PROCLAMATION

I. REQUEST/ISSUE & BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The proposed ordinance would levy the two mill property tax approved by the voters in 2019 for the purpose of funding fire and emergency medical services.

II. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:

The City Charter requires City taxes to be levied by ordinance. Council may adopt the ordinance as drafted or decline to adopt the ordinance.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adopting the ordinance as drafted. Failing to adopt the ordinance would create doubt as to the City's authority to collect the Fire/EMS property tax.

IV. FISCAL IMPACT:

The 2022 budget anticipates \$1,692,000 in revenue from the Fire/EMS property tax.

V. LEGAL ISSUES:

As described above.

VI. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

None.

VII. CONSISTENCY WITH COUNCIL GOALS AND POLICIES:

Collecting the Fire/EMS tax promote the City Council's goals relating to financing options for a downtown fire station.