

Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District - Use of Measure O funds

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How was Measure O passed?

- Parcel Tax on 2016 general election ballot
 - Excise tax imposed on each parcel of property within the District for the privilege of receiving District services.
 - 2/3 vote of the electorate
 - Board Resolution containing the ballot question
 - Ordinance

What can Measure O funds be used for?

“The proceeds of the special tax funding replacement measure imposed by this ordinance shall be placed in a special account or fund to be used solely for any lawful purpose permissible to Fire District’s pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 13800 et seq., including but not limited to enhancing the existing level of fire prevention, emergency fire protection and paramedic response services through increasing staffing levels to operate and maintain the District’s fire stations, maintaining and when necessary replacing fire protection and lifesaving equipment and apparatus to optimal levels of function and performance, and to fund capital improvements.”

Fire Protection District Law of 1987

- Chapter 5. General Powers and Duties
 - Cal. Health & Safety Code Sections 13860-13879
 - Employees
 - Acquire property
 - Enforce Fire Codes
 - Enter property to preserve life or safety
 - Acquire equipment for fire protection purposes
 - Enter into mutual aid agreements

NOTES on General Powers and Duties

- Fire Code enforcement
 - Establish changes or modifications more stringent than Building Code related to fire and panic safety
- Code enforcement to correct or eliminate hazards
 - Chief or staff can issue orders, citations and seek abatement
 - Abatement of hazardous weeds and rubbish

Finances

- On or before June 30 → Adopt a preliminary budget
- On or after July 1, amounts in the preliminary budget, except obligations for fixed assets and new permanent employee positions, are deemed appropriated until final budget adoption.
- On or before October 1 → Adopt a final budget and establish the appropriations limit

Next Steps:

- Conduct an annual audit

Personnel

- Board hires, evaluates and terminates the Fire Chief
 - Fire Chief hires, supervises, evaluates, and terminates all other District employees
- In coordination with the Fire Chief:
 - Approve MOUs with labor groups



Discussion

