To Mayor Slater and City Council Members,

I've just become aware of the precipitous decision the council intends to take concerning our fire department, as well as a projected \$300 tax increase on property owners.

Reading the letter from the volunteer fire department, it seems you haven't given them - or we property owners - both the time and full information on the issue.

It seems, in short, that the council is being quite high-handed, and not presenting its due diligence to the community.

I urge you to reconsider your apparently hasty decision and open this important issue up to the Sebastopol community at large, whom you represent.

Thank you,

Lawrence Prager