

16 June 2024

**Agenda Item 9: Fire Ad Hoc Committee Tasks**

I'm re-sending the question below to suggest that another task ought to be assigned to the ad hoc committee. The questions below haven't yet been answered in a public forum.

15 April 2024

Dear Council and City Manager,

The table below from the *Report out of Recommendations from the Fire Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Fire Delivery Services for the City of Sebastopol* indicates that under the recommended merger with Gold Ridge, Sebastopolitans will pay a fixed percentage of city revenue in addition to the revenue derived from the consolidation parcel tax.

Revenue Sources	Sebastopol Current	Sebastopol Independent	Consolidation/Gold Ridge	Consolidation/Graton
City General Fund	\$1,553,903.00	\$1,553,903.00	\$1,553,903.00*	\$1,553,903.00**
Measure H		\$1,080,000.00	\$1,080,000.00	\$1,080,000.00***
Consolidation Parcel Tax			\$1,111,058.00	\$1,060,806.00
TOTAL	\$1,553,903.00	\$2,633,903.00	\$3,744,961.00	\$3,694,709.00

\* Gold Ridge proposal states that the amount would be a fixed percentage of the City's annual revenue; we've used the amount in the City's FY 23-24 budget for ease of comparison.

Does Sonoma County provide a fixed percentage of county revenue (disregarding future Measure H funds) to the Gold Ridge Fire District? If not, why should it be necessary for Sebastopolitans to pay a substantially higher rate for the same level of fire protection?

Thanks and regards,

admin

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