

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 6615-2024

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE SEBASTOPOL PUBLIC SAFETY, ROADS, CITY SERVICES MEASURE

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2024, Sebastopol voters will consider Measure U, the Sebastopol Public Safety, Roads, City Services Measure; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, the Sebastopol Public Safety, Roads, City Services Measure will generate revenue through a ½-cent transaction and use tax (sales tax); and

WHEREAS, prior to placing the measure on the ballot, the City conducted a community priorities survey to gather feedback from residents regarding their priorities; and

WHEREAS, the top three issues identified in the community survey as a “high priority” by respondents: providing effective public safety, managing city finances, and responding to natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and repairing City streets, and maintaining park, trails, bike lanes and the City pool were the next two issues that the respondents identified as a high priority; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to use revenue from the Sebastopol Public Safety, Roads, City Services Measure for the priorities identified by the community as high priorities; and

WHEREAS, if the measure is adopted, the City anticipates receiving two months of the revenue for fiscal year 2024-2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt a spending policy identifying how it will use the revenue from the Sebastopol Public Safety, Roads, City Services Measure, if adopted by the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sebastopol adopts the following policy with respect to expenditure of revenue generated by the Sebastopol Public Safety, Roads, City Services Measure beginning for FY 2025-2026:

1. 40% of the revenue shall be allocated for maintaining and repairing City roads, streets, drainage, and parks.
2. Sufficient revenue shall be allocated for maintaining public safety, including retaining existing Police Department staffing levels and providing sufficient funding for fire services after the reorganization of such services with the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District.
3. If there is sufficient revenue allocated for items 1 and 2 above remaining revenues will be allocated to maintain Sebastopol’s City services such as 911 emergency medical/police/fire response, wildfire/emergency preparedness, maintenance of streets/roads, parks/trails, library, youth and senior services, retaining/attracting local businesses; and for general government use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any revenue generated by the Sebastopol Public Safety, Roads, City Services Measure during FY 2024-2025 shall not be allocated until the fourth quarter of the fiscal year, once the actual revenues and expenditures for FY 2024-2025 are clearer.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted at a meeting by the City Council on the 17th day of September, 2024, by the following vote:

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hinton, Maurer, McLewis, Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

APPROVED: Signed by:
Diana Rich

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Mayor Diana Gardner Rich

ATTEST: DocuSigned by:
Mary C Gourley

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Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Signed by:
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