

An Initiative to Add a New Chapter to the City of Brentwood Municipal Code Requiring the City of Brentwood to Annually Spend Additional Specified Funds for Designated Emergency Services

The initiative would amend the City of Brentwood Municipal Code, which contains the City's local laws, to add new provisions requiring the City of Brentwood to spend an additional, set amount of funds from future growth in property and sales tax revenues on certain emergency services each year.

The initiative lists the following emergency services as permitted expenditures: fire protection, rescue, emergency medical, hazardous material emergency response, ambulance, and others related to the protection of the lives and property of the residents of Brentwood (collectively, "Emergency Services"). This initiative would require the City to spend specified amounts of additional money each year on Emergency Services that are not already being funded when the initiative is enacted.

If the initiative is adopted, beginning on July 1, 2021, the amount of additional money that the City would be required to spend on Emergency Services would be phased in over seven years, unless reduced or eliminated as allowed under the initiative. The phase-in period could be delayed in any year in which the City's annual combined property and sales tax revenues fail to increase by 2.5%.

Under the initiative, the annual additional maximum expenditure amount required for Emergency Services is \$4,765,000.

The required additional expenditure amount could be reduced or eliminated if funding received by the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District, or other agencies providing Emergency Services to Brentwood residents, is increased by the voters to provide additional ongoing funding to those agencies for Emergency Services.

The initiative requires the City Council to itemize and publically report the specified expenditures and directs the City Manager to develop administrative procedures for the initiative's implementation and enforcement. Every three years, the initiative is to be reviewed by the City Council to determine its effectiveness and impact on fire and emergency response times throughout the City.