

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS (500 WORDS OR LESS)

{307 WORDS AS DRAFTED}

On March 11, 1980, the Running Springs Water District adopted Ordinance No. 9 authorizing the assessment and collection of an annual availability charge for fire suppression service on each improved lot or parcel of property within the District, except those owned by state or federal governmental agencies, other local agencies, or those determined not to receive fire suppression benefit, in an amount not to exceed \$65 per unit of benefit as defined in the Uniform Building Code, subject to approval by two-thirds of the District's voters as required by law for the assessment of a special tax on real property. At an election conducted on November 4, 1980, more than two-thirds of the voters voting at the election approved the annual availability charge for fire suppression service. Since the date of approval by the voters in 1980, the annual availability charge for fire suppression has not been adjusted to keep pace with increases in the cost of providing fire protection and emergency medical services.

Measure “#” proposes to adjust the maximum amount of the annual availability charge to \$146 per unit of benefit, for the Running Springs Fire Department to continue providing fire suppression service and also emergency medical, ambulance and advanced life support services. This measure was placed on the ballot by the District's Board of Directors.

The current fee of \$65 per year generates approximately \$200,000 or roughly 10% of the Fire Departments \$2 million annual operating expenses. Adjusting the fee to \$146 per year would generate an additional \$250,000 to help fund the continued local control and operation of the Fire Department and also much needed capital equipment needs.

The above statement is an Impartial Analysis of Measure “#”. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call (909) 867-2766 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.

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