



Washington Township Health Care District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Monday, July 28, 2025 – 7:30 a.m.

Board Room of Washington Hospital, 2000 Mowry Avenue, Fremont and via Zoom

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AGENDA

**I. CALL TO ORDER &
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Michael J. Wallace
President

II. ROLL CALL

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Oral

This opportunity is provided for persons in the audience to make a brief statement, not to exceed three (3) minutes on issues or concerns not covered by the agenda. "Request to Speak" cards should be filled out in advance and presented to the District Clerk. For the record, please state your name.

B. Written

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion Required

Items listed under the Consent Calendar include reviewed reports and recommendations and are acted upon by one motion of the Board. Any Board Member or member of the public may remove an item for discussion before a motion is made.

**A. Consideration of Medical Staff: Use of Robotics in
Orthopedic Surgery Privileges**

V. ACTION

Motion Required

- A. CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025, AND ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HEALTH CARE DISTRICT AN INITIATIVE MEASURE ENTITLED THE MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND LIFE SAVING CARE FUNDING ACT (CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 1275)

VI. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Medical Audit and Quality Assurance

Aaron Barry, MD
Chief of Staff

Reports regarding Medical Audit and Quality Assurance Matters pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 32155

VII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION & REPORT ON PERMISSABLE ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

Michael J. Wallace
President

- A. Report on Closed Session

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Michael J. Wallace
President

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the District Clerk at (510) 818-6664. Notification two working days prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 21, 2025

To: Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer

From: Aaron Barry, MD, Chief of Staff

Subject: MEC for Board Approval

The Medical Executive Committee, at its meeting on July 21, 2025, approved the Use of Robotics in Orthopedic Surgery Privileges.

Please accept this memorandum as a formal request for presentation to the Board of Directors for final approval of the attached Use of Robotics in Orthopedic Surgery Privileges.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Retrospective evaluation to include pre-operative work-up, surgical plan and post-operative course of events of 5 major surgeries.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evaluation of OPPE data collected for review of competency/performance.

Special Privilege: Use of Robotics in Orthopedic Surgery

Description: A robotic system that assists surgeons in performing Orthopedic Surgery.

Qualifications

Education/Training	Completion of an ACGME or AOA-accredited residency or fellowship training program in Orthopedics. AND Request privileges in the following category: Use of Robotics in Orthopedics AND Meet one of the following criteria: 1) A. Have specific training in the robotic surgery during residency B. A letter from the Program Director that he/she was adequately trained in robotic techniques C. Have manufacturer certification OR 2) Be currently privileged at Washington Hospital for the desired privilege procedures (HIP vs. KNEE vs. SHOULDER, etc., specifically) and have the manufacturer's certification. NB: A certificate of current up to date certification is required for any additional training required by the manufacturer during reappointments periods.
Clinical Experience (Initial)	1. Applicant must provide documentation of performance of 5 robotic procedures representative of the scope of privileges requested (HIP vs. KNEE vs. SHOULDER, etc., specifically) during the previous 24 months using the device type available at this organization (waived for applicants who met the above training requirements during the previous year). OR 2. For current WH medical staff members with 10 non-robotic procedures (HIP vs. KNEE vs. SHOULDER, etc., specifically) and a new manufacturer's certificate, the requirement for 5 robotic procedures will be waived.
Clinical Experience (Reappointment)	Applicant must provide documentation of performance of 3 robotic procedures (HIP vs. KNEE vs. SHOULDER, etc., specifically) representative of the scope of privileges requested during the previous 24 months.

Request	Check the Request checkbox to select all privileges listed below. Uncheck any privileges you do not want to request in that group.
WH	<input type="checkbox"/> - Currently Granted privileges
	Procedures
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use of Robotics in Orthopedic Surgery

FPPE

WH	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clinical Experience (Initial) #1, 2 cases by a surgeon who has appropriate privileges and manufacturer's certification.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clinical Experience (Initial) #2, 3 cases by a surgeon who has appropriate privileges and manufacturer's certification.

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 22, 2025

To: Washington Township Health Care District Board of Directors

From: Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025, AND ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HEALTH CARE DISTRICT AN INITIATIVE MEASURE TO IMPOSE A PARCEL TAX**

On June 25, 2025, Washington Township Health Care District Board of Directors (“Board of Directors”) accepted the certifications of the Alameda County Registrar of Voters and the Washington Township Health Care District Clerk that the Medical Emergency and Life Saving Care Funding Act (“Initiative Measure”), an elector-proposed initiative petition, contained sufficient signatures to qualify for the ballot. As the petition was certified to have signatures from at least ten percent (10%) of the District’s registered voters, and the Board is not authorized to adopt the measure unilaterally, the Board must submit the Initiative Measure, without alteration, to the voters pursuant to Elections Code section 1405.

The recommendation is that the Board of Directors adopt a Resolution No. 1275 to take the following actions:

- (1) Call a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025;
- (2) Order the submission of the Initiative Measure to the voters of the Washington Township Health Care District;
- (3) Request consolidation of the special election with all special elections to be held in the County of Alameda occurring November 4, 2025; and
- (4) Direct the District Clerk to take any and all actions necessary under law to prepare for and conduct the November 4, 2025, special election.

DISCUSSION

On December 26, 2024, proponents of the Medical Emergency and Life Saving Care Funding Act submitted: (1) a notice of intention, (2) the written text of the Initiative Measure, and (3) an affidavit from a newspaper representative confirming publication to the District Clerk.

The Initiative Measure proposes a five-cent per square foot parcel tax on structural improvements, capped at \$7,500 per parcel, for twelve years. Revenue from the parcel tax, if approved, may be expended only to fund the continued operation of Washington Hospital and other health care facilities of the District, including the purchase and maintenance of trauma equipment, disaster preparedness, public health emergency readiness, the

operation of the emergency department and advanced operating rooms, the acquisition and maintenance of medical and laboratory technology, healthcare provider costs, and support for ambulatory services, urgent care clinics, and outpatient health centers. The Initiative Measure would also require annual audits. The full text of the Initiative Measure is included as Exhibit 1 of Resolution No. 1275.

On June 20, 2025, the Alameda County Registrar of Voters certified that the Initiative Measure contained sufficient signatures to qualify for the ballot.

On June 25, 2025, the Board of Directors accepted the certifications of the Alameda County Registrar of Voters and the Washington Township Health Care District Clerk that the petition contained sufficient signatures to qualify for the ballot. At that meeting, the Board also directed staff to prepare a resolution for adoption at a future Board meeting to submit the Initiative Measure to a vote of the District electorate, including a proposed ballot question, pursuant to Elections Code sections 1405 and 9310.

Because the Registrar of Voters and the District clerk certified that the petition contained signatures from at least ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, section 9310 of the Elections Code requires the District Board to adopt the ordinance, without alteration, or submit the ordinance, without alteration, to the voters pursuant to Elections Code section 1405. However, because the Initiative Measure proposes to impose a parcel tax, the District Board is required to place the measure on the ballot.

Pursuant to Elections Code sections 9310 and 1405, the District Board may submit the Initiative Measure, without alteration, to District voters at either:

- (1) The next regular election occurring not less than 88 days after the order of election, or
- (2) A special election to be held not less than 88 days nor more than 103 days after the order of the election.

If the Board chooses to place the Initiative Measure before the voters at a regular election, the next regular election is scheduled for November 3, 2026. The Board also has the discretion to call a special election to be held not less than 88 days nor more than 103 days after the order of the election, pursuant to Elections Code section 1405(b). The next possible special election date is November 4, 2025. To exercise this option, the Board must act between July 24, 2025 and August 8, 2025 to order a November 4, 2025, special election.

As the Board of Directors is aware, healthcare providers in California, including the District, are facing significant financial challenges. To address these and other financial challenges, the District has focused on stabilizing operations and increasing efficiencies while ensuring that we do not negatively impact the high-quality care our patients expect and deserve.

In light of the financial challenges and our commitment to our patients, in addition to monitoring our expenses and becoming more efficient, the Board has discussed additional revenue sources. Last year, the Board considered, but decided not to pursue, a District-sponsored a parcel tax.

Because the approval of the Initiative Measure's parcel tax could ensure the District's long-term financial stability, it is essential that voters be given a choice to adopt this Initiative Measure at the soonest possible time. Without the revenue from the parcel tax, the District may soon have to take steps that it otherwise would not want to take to preserve its long-term financial stability.

For these reasons, we recommend that the Board of Directors call a special election for the Initiative Measure on November 4, 2025. To call a special election on November 4, 2025, Elections Code section 1405(b) requires the Board of Directors to order the special election between July 24, 2025 and August 8, 2025.

Resolution No. 1275 calls and gives notice of the holding of a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, and provides for other necessary actions.

Resolution No. 1275 contains the following provisions:

1. Calling A Special Election For the Initiative Measure on November 4, 2025.

Pursuant to sections 1405 and 9310 of the Elections Code, the Board of Directors is calling a special municipal election for the purpose of submitting an initiative measure proposing a five-cent per square foot parcel tax on structural improvements, capped at \$7,500 per parcel, for twelve years. Revenue from the parcel tax, if approved, may be expended only to fund the continued operation of Washington Hospital and other health care facilities of the District. The full text of the proposed ordinance to be submitted to the voters is set forth as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution.

2. Adopting Ballot Question

The Resolution establishes the following ballot language to be submitted to the voters:

To provide local access to the highest level of life-saving emergency and medical care for trauma patients, victims of heart attacks, strokes, accidents, and cancer, keep medical equipment and technology up-to-date, reduce ER wait times; and ensure that our community has highly qualified doctors, surgeons and nurses, shall Washington Township Healthcare District's measure levying 5 cents per square foot of improved property be adopted, generating \$13,000,000 annually for 12 years for emergency healthcare, hospital, and Trauma Center services?

Requesting The Services Of The Alameda County Registrar Of Voters

In accordance with section 10002 of the Elections Code, the District requests that the Alameda County Registrar of Voters render full election services relating to the conduct of a special election and requests the consolidation of the special election with all other elections held in the county on that date.

3. Impartial Analysis

The resolution directs the District Clerk to transmit the text of the Initiative Measure to the Alameda County Counsel's Office to prepare an impartial analysis of the Initiative Measure.

4. Arguments In Favor/Against

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9315, the proponents may file a written argument in favor of the Initiative Measure. According to the Registrar of Voters, the filing deadline for the arguments is August 13, 2025. The deadline to file rebuttal arguments is August 18, 2025.

5. Directing The District Clerk To Take Actions To Prepare For The Special Election

The resolution directs the District Clerk to take any and all actions necessary under law to prepare for and conduct the Election and appropriate all monies necessary for the District to prepare and conduct the Election.

RESOLUTION NO. 1275

**RESOLUTION (1) CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE
HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
2025; (2) ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HEALTH CARE DISTRICT AN
INITIATIVE MEASURE TO IMPOSE A PARCEL TAX; (3)
REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION
WITH ALL SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN THE COUNTY OF
ALAMEDA OCCURRING NOVEMBER 4, 2025; AND (4) DIRECTING
THE DISTRICT CLERK TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS
NECESSARY UNDER LAW TO PREPARE FOR AND CONDUCT THE
NOVEMBER 4, 2025, SPECIAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Washington Township Health Care District (the “District”), in the County of Alameda, California (the “County”), is authorized to order elections within the District and to designate the specifications thereof;

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 9308 and 9309, on June 25, 2025, the Board timely accepted the Certifications of the Alameda County Registrar of Voters and the District Clerk that the initiative petition entitled “Medical Emergency and Life Saving Care Funding Act” (the “Measure”) contains the sufficient number of signatures of voters in the District to qualify the Measure for the ballot at an upcoming election;

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Election Code Section 9310, if a qualified initiative petition is signed by the requisite number of voters, the Board shall submit the ordinance to the voters pursuant to Elections Code Section 1405;

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 1405 authorizes the Board to call a special election for the purpose of submitting an initiative measure to the voters before the next regular election occurring not less than 88 days after the date of the order of election;

WHEREAS, the next regular election is scheduled for November 3, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Board deems it advisable to submit the Measure to the voters of the District before the next regular election;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 1405, the election shall be held not less than 88 days nor more than 103 days after the order of the election and the Board desires to hold a special election on November 4, 2025;

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the election to determine whether the Measure is adopted should be consolidated with such other election or elections as may be held on the same day in County;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, as follows;

Section 1. Pursuant to Sections 1405 and 9310 of the California Elections Code, the Board hereby orders a special election (the “Election”) be held within the boundaries of the Washington Township Health Care District on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting the Measure to the voters of the District. The full text of the Measure is set forth in Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The question to be submitted to the voters concerning the Measure shall appear on the ballot in the following form:

To provide local access to the highest level of life-saving emergency and medical care for trauma patients, victims of heart attacks, strokes, accidents, and cancer, keep medical equipment and technology up-to-date, reduce ER wait times; and ensure that our community has highly qualified doctors, surgeons and nurses, shall Washington Township Healthcare District's measure levying 5 cents per square foot of improved property be adopted, generating \$13,000,000 annually for 12 years for emergency healthcare, hospital, and Trauma Center services?

Section 3. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9320, the vote requirement of the Measure to pass is a majority (50%+1) of the votes cast. If the measure is so approved by the voters in the District voting on the Measure, it shall become a valid and binding ordinance of the District. It shall be considered as adopted upon the date the vote is declared by the Board and shall go into effect 10 days after that date, in accordance with Section 9320.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board and the Registrar of Voters of the County are hereby requested to transmit a copy of the Measure to the County Counsel with a request that the County Counsel prepare an impartial analysis thereof.

Section 5. This Resolution shall stand as the order to the Registrar of Voters to call the Election within the boundaries of the District on November 4, 2025. The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to take all steps to call and hold the Election in accordance with California Elections Code section 10002 and these specifications and perform necessary services in connection with said election. Pursuant to the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County is required to permit the Registrar of Voters of the County to render all services specified by Section 10418 of the Elections Code relating to the Election for which services the District agrees to reimburse the County.

Section 6. The Board of Supervisors of the County is requested to order consolidation of the Election with such other elections as may be held on the same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same.

Section 7. The District agrees to reimburse the County of Alameda in full for the cost of election services performed.

Section 8. The District Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into any contracts necessary for election consulting services, temporary employment services, printing services, and any such other supplies and services as may be required by the statutes of the State for the conduct of the November 4, 2025 special Election.

Section 9. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to deliver, no later than August 8, 2025 (which date is at least 88 days prior to the date set for the Election), one certified copy of this Resolution to the Registrar of Voters of the County and one certified copy to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County.

Section 10. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9315, written arguments in favor of the Initiative Measure or against the Initiative Measure must be filed no later than August 13, 2025 by 5 p.m. Rebuttals to Arguments In Favor/Against must be filed no later than August 18, 2025 by 5 p.m. Arguments shall each not exceed 300 words in length. Each argument shall be filed with the Registrar of Voters, signed, and include the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument. No more than five signatures shall appear with

any argument submitted for or against the Initiative Measure. The arguments shall be accompanied by the Ballot Measure Argument Submission Form published by the Registrar of Voters.

Section 11. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9316, the arguments, ordinance, and impartial analysis will be available for public examination for no fewer than ten (10) calendar days following the deadline for submission of those materials. The Registrar of Voters shall post a notice of the specific dates that the examination period will run.

Section 12. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary under law to prepare for and conduct the Election and appropriate all monies necessary for the District to prepare and conduct the Election.

Section 13. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its date of adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of the Washington Township Health Care District at a regular meeting thereof, at which a quorum of its members participated and were acting throughout, conducted at Fremont, California on July 28, 2025, through a system freely accessible to the public, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

MICHAEL J. WALLACE
President, Board of Directors Washington
Township Health Care District

JACOB EAPEN, MD
Secretary, Board of Directors Washington
Township Health Care District

I hereby certify that this is a valid original of Resolution No. 1275.

CHERYL RENAUD
District Clerk

EXHIBIT 1

The People of the Washington Township Health Care District do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Title.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Medical Emergency and Life Saving Care Funding Act.”

Section 2. Findings and Declarations.

The People of the Washington Township Health Care District find and declare all of the following:

(a) For 67 years, the Washington Township Health Care District has been a vital lifeline for residents of southern Alameda County, delivering essential emergency and critical care to victims of heart attacks, strokes, accidents, cancer, and trauma.

(b) The District’s ability to continue providing the level of care that patients deserve is being threatened by rising costs, limited state and federal funding, and other economic challenges.

(c) For the last several years, healthcare costs have been rising faster than health insurance reimbursement rates as inflationary factors continue to push labor, supply, and service costs ever higher. For example, labor costs, which account for 60% of the District’s total operating expenses, have increased 33% since 2015 and are expected to continue rising at an accelerated rate due to inflation, labor shortages, and the high cost of living in the Bay Area.

(d) In addition, the District has been faced with the challenge of scaling up its operations to keep pace with natural population growth. Washington Hospital opened 67 years ago to serve a community of eighteen thousand people. Today, there are over three hundred and fifty thousand residents in the District and the population continues to grow. We need more doctors, nurses, and specialists to meet the healthcare needs of our community.

(e) To meet the needs of its growing population, the District has expanded facilities and programs that enable it to provide life-saving services. In 2018, the District opened the Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion to house a new emergency department, a critical care department, and a 68-bed medical-surgical unit. In addition, the District is building an earthquake-safe patient facility.

(f) Washington Hospital has been designated as southern Alameda County’s only primary stroke center, cardiac arrest receiving center, and trauma center. These expanded facilities and programs allow the hospital to treat patients needing acute care on-site instead of transporting them to distant facilities, resulting in higher survival rates and more positive outcomes for local residents.

(g) In order to meet the challenges of rising costs and the need for expanded services, the District is in dire need of an additional source of revenue. Many health care districts have come to rely on locally-controlled funding like parcel taxes to help fund rising operating costs and sustain important services. A parcel tax is an effective way for a service provider such as a health care district to create a steady source of funding that is not subject to variable economic conditions or the shifting priorities of government officials, allowing for predictability in budgeting, long-range planning, and reliability of services from year to year.

Section 3. Statement of Purpose.

It is the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to enact a special parcel tax on the parcels of real property located in the Washington Township Health Care District in order to create additional funding to support the operations of the District and enable Washington Hospital and the other related facilities of the District to continue to be highly-valued community assets by maintaining access to life-saving care, furnishing emergency response and disaster preparedness, acquiring cutting-edge medical technology, confronting the challenges of rising costs and an expanding population, and otherwise meeting the various health care needs of the communities served by the District.

Section 4. Definitions.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) “Board of Directors” means the Board of Directors of the Washington Township Health Care District.

(b) “District” means the Washington Township Health Care District.

(c) “Parcel” means a lot, unit, or plot of real property having identified boundaries and an identified owner that is within the boundaries of the District and is documented for property tax purposes and given an assessor’s parcel number by the Alameda County Assessor.

(d) “Special parcel tax” means the tax imposed by Section 5.

(e) “Structural improvements” means the square footage of building floor area on a parcel.

Section 5. Imposition of Special Parcel Tax.

(a) Commencing with the first full fiscal year after the enactment of this Ordinance, there shall be imposed on each parcel of taxable real property a special parcel tax at the uniform rate of five cents (\$0.05) per square foot of structural improvements not to exceed \$7,500 per parcel.

(b) The special parcel tax is imposed as of July 1 of each year and shall be assessed on the person who owned the parcel on that date unless the owner is by law exempt from taxation,

in which case the special parcel tax shall be assessed on the holder of the possessory interest in the parcel unless such holder is also by law exempt from taxation.

(c) The special parcel tax shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner in which the County of Alameda collects secured roll ad valorem property taxes, pursuant to an agreement entered into between the District and the County of Alameda. All laws, regulations, and procedures regarding due dates, installment payments, corrections, appeals, cancellations, refunds, late payments, penalties, liens, and collections for secured roll ad valorem property taxes in the County of Alameda shall be applicable to the collection of the special parcel tax. The secured roll tax bill shall be the only notice required for collection of the special parcel tax.

(d) The amount of the special parcel tax for each parcel each fiscal year shall constitute a lien on such property in accordance with Section 2187 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code and shall have the same effect as an ad valorem real property tax lien until fully paid. The special parcel tax, together with all penalties and interest thereon, shall constitute, until paid, to the extent authorized by law, a personal obligation to the District by the person or persons who own the parcel on the date the tax is imposed.

(e) Beginning with the second fiscal year during which the special parcel tax is in effect, the Board of Directors may annually adjust the amount of the special parcel tax in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the San Francisco–Oakland–Hayward statistical area, as reported by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(f) The special parcel tax shall not be imposed upon any parcel that is exempt from ad valorem property taxes pursuant to any provision of state or federal law.

Section 6. Creation of Special Fund.

Pursuant to Section 50075.1(c) of the California Government Code, the proceeds of the special parcel tax shall be deposited into a designated account, specially created for this purpose, to be used solely for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Authorized Expenditures.

The proceeds of the special parcel tax shall be expended only for purposes of funding the continued operation of Washington Hospital and other health care facilities of the District, including the purchase and maintenance of trauma equipment, disaster preparedness and public health emergency readiness, the operation of the emergency department and advanced operating rooms, acquiring and sustaining medical and laboratory technology, healthcare provider costs and supporting ambulatory services, urgent care clinics and outpatient health centers.

Section 8. No Reduction of Other Revenue.

The special parcel tax is not intended to decrease or offset any federal, state, or local revenue, or any revenue from a private funding source, that is available to the District or becomes available in the future.

Section 9. Audits.

(a) The expenditure of the proceeds of the special parcel tax shall be subject to an annual independent audit pursuant to Section 26909 of the California Government Code or any other independent audit of the accounts and records of the District.

(b) Pursuant to Section 50075.3 of the California Government Code, the chief fiscal officer of the District shall file an annual report with the Board of Directors, based on the annual independent audit, describing both of the following:

(1) The amount of funds collected and expended pursuant to this Ordinance.

(2) The status of any project required or authorized to be funded by this Ordinance.

(c) The findings of an audit described in subdivision (a) with respect to the expenditure of the proceeds of the special parcel tax, and the findings of the report described in subdivision (b) with respect to the expenditure of the proceeds of the special parcel tax, shall be presented to the Board of Directors at a public meeting.

Section 10. Term.

This Ordinance shall remain in effect for 12 years from the effective date.

Section 11. Amendment of Ordinance.

Except for amendments that would increase the special parcel tax above an amount authorized by Section 5 or change the authorized uses of the proceeds of the special parcel tax as specified in Section 7, the Board of Directors may amend this Ordinance without submitting the amendment to the voters for approval, provided that the amendment is consistent with and furthers the purposes of this Ordinance as enacted by the voters.

Section 12. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any other provisions or applications. To that end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. It is the intent of the voters that this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of whether any invalid provision had been included or any invalid application had been made.