AN ORDINANCE OF THE COAST LIFE SUPPORT DISTRICT RENEWING THE DISTRICT'S PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT TO ALLOW THE USE OF ALL PROCEEDS OF TAXES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE VOTERS FOR AMBULANCE AND URGENT CARE SERVICES.

The Board of Directors of the Coast Life Support District ("District") does ordain as follows:

SECTION I. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

It is the purpose and intent of this ordinance to authorize a renewal of the previously adopted appropriations limit of the District for the provision of ambulance and urgent care services. Such renewal shall be applicable for a period of four years. The revenues appropriated pursuant to this renewal are to be used solely for the purposes of obtaining, furnishing, operating, and maintaining urgent medical care services, emergency medical services, ambulance, life support and transport equipment or apparatus and services, and for other necessary operating expenses of the District.

SECTION II. APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT.

The previously adopted appropriations limit for the District shall be renewed for the maximum period permitted by law (four years) to allow for the use of all proceeds raised by the District's special taxes.

SECTION III. LIMITED AMENDMENT.

If any section of this ordinance or portion thereof is held invalid or unenforceable by any court and such judgment becomes final, then that section may be amended by the District's Board by a majority vote to conform with the judgment of such court, provided that such amendment is consistent with the purpose and intent of this ordinance. Provisions of this ordinance relating to procedures may only be amended by ordinance.

SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional and invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The people of the Coast Life Support District hereby declare that they would have passed this ordinance and every section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect the day following its approval by a simple majority of the District's qualified voters voting on its approval at the special election on June 5, 2018.

SO ORDERED.

s/Richard Hughes  
President

ATTEST:

s/David Caley  
District Administrator

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

MEASURE E

A Measure to Renew the Coast Life Support District's Previously Adopted Appropriations Limit to Allow the Use of All Proceeds of Taxes for Ambulance and Urgent Care Services

This Measure was placed on the ballot by the Coast Life Support District’s (“District”) Board of Directors to seek voter approval to renew the previously adopted appropriations limit to allow for the use of all proceeds of taxes previously approved by the voters for ambulance and urgent care services. If approved by a majority of those voting, Measure E would increase the District’s appropriations (spending) limit for four years, the maximum period allowed by law. The proposed increase in the spending limit is necessary to allow use of the proceeds of the special taxes previously approved by District voters.

The District previously approved Measure C in 2012, which established a special tax for ambulance and related services and increased the District’s appropriation limit to allow for the use of all funds raised by the special tax.

In 2014, the District approved Measure J which established a special tax for urgent medical care and increased the District’s appropriation limit to allow for the use of all funds raised by the special tax. Both Measure C and Measure J included provisions to increase the spending limit to allow use of the proceeds from the special taxes approved by the voters.

This measure was placed on the ballot by the District Board of Directors.

This measure must be adopted by a majority of the voters.

A “yes” vote would authorize the continuance of the previously voter-approved increase in the annual appropriations limit.

A “no” vote would not authorize the continuance of the increased appropriations limit.

DATED: March 19, 2018
s/Katharine L. Elliott  
County Counsel
ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE E

The Coast Life Support District (CLSD) is the only ambulance service in our community from Irish Beach to Timber Cove and inland to Annapolis serving over 6,500 residents. CLSD provides round-the-clock Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with highly skilled Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians every day of the year. EMS ground ambulance transports to Santa Rosa and Fort Bragg hospitals are approaching 600 annually. CLSD also financially supports daily and weekend on-call Urgent Care medical services through a contract with Redwood Coast Medical Services in Gualala. Urgent Care had over 5,200 patient visits in 2016 and over 5,300 in 2017.

EMS and Urgent Care services are funded in large part by parcel taxes. This ballot measure does not increase those taxes. The parcel tax rates approved in 2012 and 2014 are not changing as a result of this ballot measure. It simply asks that voters renew their approval of those existing expenditure levels (known as the Appropriations Limit) created by the parcel taxes which fund EMS and Urgent Care services. A majority vote is needed. This is because the California Constitution requires that this Appropriations Limit be reaffirmed by the voters every four years. CLSD expenditures from parcel taxes have always been below the Appropriations Limit.

Residents have historically provided strong support to CLSD and the work it does. Our Board fully advocates the passage of this measure and trusts our 3,800 registered voters will continue their support of the essential services our dedicated medical professionals provide our community.

s/Richard Hughes
Board President

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE D WAS SUBMITTED.