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Fire dept. fees would help budget woes

Council to consider charging for emergency responses

By Bill Engle

Staff Writer

The Richmond Common Council will consider an ordinance Monday night that will allow Richmond Fire Department officials to charge a fee for emergency medical and other runs in the city.

The fee as proposed would range from \$75 for an emergency medical call that does not involve transport of a patient to \$2,150 for advanced assistance, including setting up air flight to a trauma hospital. There will be separate fees charged to residents and non-residents.

The fees collected are expected to help the Richmond Fire Department with size-

able budget cuts anticipated in the future. "The taxes collected are designed for fire protection services and not ambulance and other services," said Common Councilman Bruce Wissel. "It only makes sense that we allow our officials to collect fees for those other services."

Council will host a public debate on the issue Monday night.

Richmond Fire Chief Mike Crawley said the department's duties have now expanded to include everything from emergency medical runs, hazardous material calls and calls for water rescue, car fires, confined space rescue, fire education, even persons stuck in an elevator.

"We always look at it as there would be a void if we didn't provide these services, so we just go ahead and respond," he said. "So we are training our firefighters to be

more diverse and able to handle those emergencies."

"We need to look at other ways to keep our budget stable," Crawley said. Other cities, such as South Bend and Kokomo, have adopted a similar fee.

"I do feel strongly about it," said Councilwoman Kelley Cruse-Nicholson. "I think it's only fair. We're not the only city to be doing it, and I don't think it's going to be as much of an impact as people think it will."

Officials believe that insurance coverage will cover the fees.

"The cost of this should be passed along to the insurance companies," Wissel said. "It's not going to completely turn us around, but when you're in the financial position that we are, every little bit will help."

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If You Go

■ The Richmond Common Council meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday in council chambers at the Richmond Municipal Building, 50 N. Fifth St.

■ The Richmond Power & Light board meeting precedes the council meeting at 7 p.m.

JONESTOWN | 1978



Associated Press file photo

Peoples Temple leader Jim Jones led more than 900 Americans in a murder and suicide ritual at the Peoples Temple agricultural mission 30 years ago in the jungle of Guyana.

TRAGEDY TURNS 30

The Rev. Jim Jones moved from his area roots to the jungle of Guyana, where 900 died

By Rachel E. Sheeley

Staff Writer

Riding away from the Peoples Temple Agricultural and Medical Project in Jonestown, Guyana, Charlotte Baldwin of Richmond felt a sense of doom as her daughter Marcelline Baldwin Jones remained behind, waving goodbye. Three days later, on Nov. 18, 1978, that feeling would turn to disbelief and sorrow as Charlotte and her husband, Walter Baldwin, learned that their daughter, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren were among the more than 900 dead at the urging of the encampment's leader, their son-in-law, the Rev. Jim Jones.

The catalyst for the tragedy 30 years ago was a fact-finding visit to Jonestown by California Rep. Leo Ryan. He was investigating reports from concerned relatives that family members were being mistreated in Jonestown.

After spending Nov. 18 at the agricultural mission and helping some Peoples Temple members leave, Ryan and his group made their way to the airstrip at nearby

Timeline of events in the life of the Rev. Jim Jones Page A2

Port Kaituma. As they boarded two planes, a tractor-pulled flatbed arrived with gunmen who shot at the group.

Ryan and four others were killed.

Back at Jonestown, Jim Jones encouraged his followers to take their own lives by accepting a cyanide-laced grape drink. Syringes were used to squirt the killing agent into the mouths of babies and children. Many people participated voluntarily, while others were intimidated or, like their leader, Jim Jones, shot.

It has become known as the largest mass suicide in modern history, and although it took place thousands of miles away, the tragedy continues to reverberate in Wayne and Randolph counties.

Jim Jones was born in Crete, raised in Lynn and graduated from Richmond High School. His wife, Marcelline Baldwin Jones, grew up

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Hoosiers warm to liquor sales on Sundays

Poll shows more support for changing law than during survey two years ago

By Bill Ruthhart

The Indianapolis Star

Hoosiers are evenly split but slowly warming up to allowing grocery and liquor stores to sell alcohol on Sundays, according to a recent Indianapolis Star/WTHR Channel 10 poll.

State law allows alcohol to be sold "by the drink" in restaurants, bars and at sporting events on Sundays, but it bans alcohol sales in grocery and liquor stores.

The poll showed 46 percent of Hoosiers support changing that law while 45 percent favor keeping it. Another 9 percent were undecided.

That shows a slight move from two years ago when a poll conducted by The Star found that 50 percent of

Hoosiers favored the Sunday ban while 43 percent opposed it.

"We have a couple people here who come in and say, 'I can't wait until you open on Sunday,'" said Lois Rossi, a cashier at Papa Joe's Liquors on Richmond's east side. "But for some of us, it's our only day off."

Long a controversial issue in the marble halls of the Statehouse, the Sunday alcohol-sales issue could become a subject of debate in next year's legislative session.

Lobbyists on both sides are lining up to push their interests.

Indiana's package liquor stores oppose allowing sales on Sunday, because of the already increasing competition they're facing from large convenience,

drug and grocery store chains.

Those large retailers, however, favor expanding sales, saying it would add convenience for Sunday shoppers.

But not necessarily at the Richmond Meijer store.

"We don't get any flak or feedback or anything," Meijer Manager Sandi Wagenknecht said. "I think people are just used to the signs going up—that's just the way it is."

Then there's the religious side of the argument.

Methodist and Baptist churches used to be the most stalwart opponents to Sunday sales, but that opposition has watered down in recent years as Sunday alcohol sales have been allowed at

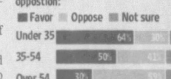
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Sales pitch

Hoosiers are split when it comes to changing the law to allow alcohol sales on Sunday.



BY AGE The higher the age group, the more opposition:



Source: Indianapolis Star/WTHR poll of 600 likely general election voters in Indiana, with a margin of error of +/- 4 percentage points.

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