

Measure J

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This is a proposed tax measure that proposes increasing sales tax within the City of Coalinga by 1% (one cent for every dollar spent) and has a sunset in ten years. Funds generated by the additional revenue will be allocated to the City's General Fund to help fund basic City services such as police and fire. Which are more important given the closure of the hospital and the recent public safety layoffs.

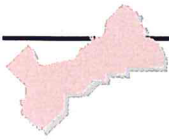
There is a deficit of approximately \$557,710 for Fiscal Year 2018 which has been growing since the Claremont facility closed and which will continue to grow unless revenues increase.

This deficit was not created by overspending. Many City services have been cut and personnel laid off. If passed, this measure is expected to bring in approximately \$850,000 in additional sales tax revenue for a full fiscal year.

The Council priorities continue to be to retain existing police and fire personnel, increase public safety personnel, avoid future cuts in personnel and services, better protect and serve residents and visitors, perform repairs to damaged or aging infrastructure, and to maintain other essential public services.

Without this tax, it is likely that a deficit will grow and further employee cuts will need to be made. Ultimately, there will be a reduction in City services, primarily police and fire, in order to balance the budget.

All tax revenue would be kept by the City and not be able to be spent by the State or County. Several other cities in the County have a sales tax, including Reedley, Selma, Sanger and Huron.



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