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RESOLUTION NO. 2018-38

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARLIER AUTHORIZING A UTILITY USERS TAX TO BE DESIGNATED AS MEASURE “ ” TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION, REQUESTING FRESNO COUNTY ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF THE ELECTION

WHEREAS, the City of Parlier has experienced, and continues to experience, a decline in revenues that has caused the City to reevaluate the services it provides citywide;

WHEREAS, the City of Parlier desires to ensure the availability of and to maintain and enhance city services;

WHEREAS, the next opportunity to place a measure on the ballot in 2018 is the regularly scheduled Statewide General Election to be held on November 6, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Parlier as follows:

SECTION 1: That a municipal election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City on November 6, 2018, at which election there shall be submitted to the qualified voters the proposition set forth below.

SECTION 2: The City Council requests of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors that the election for the measure be consolidated with the statewide election to be held on November 6, 2018.

SECTION 3: The question to be submitted to the voters with respect to the ballot measure shall be printed on the election ballot in the following form:

GENERAL MEASURE __	Yes __
To ensure the availability of and to maintain and enhance essential City services, such as fire protection services among others, shall an ordinance be adopted to enact a four percent (4%) utility users tax indefinitely on electric, natural gas and telecommunications services to raise approximately \$398,000.00 annually, and which includes procedures for fair and broad-based application?	No __

The County Election Clerk is hereby requested to print this Measure __ immediately preceding the City of Parlier’s Advisory Measure __ on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

SECTION 4: The City Attorney shall prepare, and the County Elections Clerk shall publish, a synopsis of the measure in accordance with Election Code Section 12111.

SECTION 5: The following constitutes the synopsis of the measure to be voted on for purposes of meeting the publication requirements of Election Code Section 12111:

MEASURE TO BE VOTED ON

Notice is hereby given that the following measure is to be voted on at the general municipal election to be held in the City of Parlier, on Tuesday, the 6th day of November, 2018.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A FOUR PERCENT (4%) UTILITY USERS TAX ON ELECTRIC, NATURAL GAS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICES, INCLUDING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AMONG OTHERS, FOR THE CITIZENS OF PARLIER AND WHICH INCLUDES PROCEDURES FOR FAIR AND BROAD-BASED APPLICATION

Over the last decade, the City of Parlier has suffered significant revenue shortages that threaten the City's ability to provide essential services to its citizens, including fire protection services among others. Measure ___ will enact an ordinance that imposes a four percent (4%) utility users tax on electric, natural gas and telecommunications services to raise enough money annually to ensure that the City can continue to provide, maintain and enhance essential services for the citizens of Parlier. The ordinance would include procedures for fair and broad-based application across all citizens who use such services, instead of limiting the tax just to property owners.

Dated: 8/6/18

City Elections Official
City of Parlier

SECTION 6: The full text of the measure is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The full text is not required to be printed in the Sample Ballot and Voters Pamphlet. However, the full text of the measure shall be made available at the office of the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters and the Parlier City Clerk's Office (559-646-3545).

SECTION 7: Passage of the Measure requires fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) votes.

SECTION 8: The City of Parlier requests that the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters conduct the election and canvass the returns, and the City consents to reimburse the Registrar of Voters for all costs incurred for these services.

SECTION 9: In all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 10: Arguments in favor or against the proposed measure are permissible and shall be filed with the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters in accordance with Elections Code Section 9282. The City Manager and his staff are hereby directed to prepare and file a written argument in favor of the proposed measure not to exceed 300 words on behalf of the City Council.

SECTION 11: Pursuant to Election Code Section 10002, the County Clerk/Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to take all steps incident to the preparation for and the holding of the election in accordance with law and these specifications.

SECTION 12: The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measure in accordance with Elections Code Section 9280 and file it with the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters.

SECTION 13: The City Clerk shall file a certified copy of this resolution with the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters as required by law. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to work with the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters and take all steps necessary to cause placement of the measure on the ballot.

SECTION 14: The City Clerk and the City Attorney are authorized to make any typographical, clerical, non-substantive corrections to this resolution and to the ballot measure as may be deemed necessary by the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters.

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The foregoing resolution was approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Parlier held on the 19th day of July, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Beltran, Mayor Pro tem Escoto, Council members Maldonado, Pimentel
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Council member Rodriguez

Alma M. Beltran, Mayor _____

ATTEST:

Dorothy Garza
City Clerk
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