

July 27, 2018

Brandi L. Orth  
Fresno County  
County Clerk/Registrar of Voters  
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Fresno, CA 93721

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Dear Ms. Orth:

You notified the City of Fresno that the ballot language listed in City of Fresno Resolution No. 2018-134 regarding a proposed cannabis business license tax exceeds the 75 word limit for ballot questions. Below is updated language that meets the 75 word limit. Please use the ballot language below:

*To fund unrestricted general revenue purposes, including combating gangs, drug abuse, human trafficking and homelessness, and funding police, fire, roads, and parks (90%) and fund a Community Benefit Fund allocated as recommended by a citizens' commission (10%), shall the measure to tax cannabis cultivation up to \$12 per canopy square-foot and up to 10% of gross receipts for medical dispensaries and all other cannabis businesses, generating up to \$10 million annually until repealed, be adopted?*

Also, please find below the synopsis for the same measure:

#### **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 Fresno, on Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, 2018.

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ADOPTION OF A CANNABIS BUSINESS LICENSE TAX.

As a result of recent voter-approved changes to state law, many cannabis businesses have expressed a desire to establish locations within the City of Fresno. The City does not currently have a mechanism to impose a business license tax on such enterprises. The proposed ordinance would approve a Cannabis Business License Tax specifically applicable to cannabis businesses operating within City limits and make such businesses subject to (1) a tax on cultivation of up to \$12.00 per square foot of canopy space annually, and (2) a tax of up to 10% on gross sales for medical dispensaries and all other cannabis businesses. Proceeds from the tax would be available to fund vital City services including police, fire, roads, and parks, with 10% of proceeds reserved in a special Community Benefit Fund to be allocated with the input of a special citizen's commission.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel to contact me at 559-621-7665.

Sincerely,

 Yvonne Spence, MMC  
City Clerk  
City of Fresno

Cc: Raj Singh-Badhesha

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