

PUBLIC NOTICE

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MEASURE TO BE VOTED ON AND NOTICE OF DATE FIXED FOR SUBMITTING ARGUMENTS ON THE CITY OF FRESNO CANNABIS BUSINESS LICENSE TAX

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

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTING A CANNABIS BUSINESS LICENSE TAX FOR REVENUE PURPOSES

To fund unrestricted general revenue purposes, including combating gangs, drug abuse, human trafficking and homelessness, fund 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gross receipts for medical dispensaries and all other cannabis businesses, generating up to \$10 million annually until repealed, be adopted?

Yes ___ No ___

SYNOPSIS OF MEASURE

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.

Arguments for or against the measure may be submitted to the Fresno County Clerk/Elections, 2221 Kern St., Fresno, CA 93721, no later than Monday August 6, 2018 by 5:00 pm. Paper copies of arguments must be submitted with original signatures, as well as by email at clerk-elections@fresnocountyca.gov in MS Word format. No argument shall exceed 300 words in length. Arguments may be submitted by the legislative body, or any member or members of the legislative body authorized by that body, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or argument submitted. If an argument is signed by more than five persons, the names of only the first five persons signing, determined by the order in which their signatures appear, shall be printed with the argument.

Only one argument for and one argument against each measure will be selected for printing and distribution to the voters. Preference and priority in selection will be given in the order named: (1) The legislative body, or member or members of the legislative body authorized by that body; (2) The individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations, who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure; (3) Bona fide associations of citizens; (4) Individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure. Any argument submitted shall not be changed after August 6, 2018 by 5:00 pm.

ALL ARGUMENTS submitted shall be verified in substantially the following form:

VERIFICATION

The undersigned author(s) of the (primary/rebuttal) argument (in favor of/against) ballot proposition (name or number) at the (title of election) election for the (jurisdiction) to be held on (date) hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of [his/her/their] knowledge and belief.

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Dated: July 30, 2018

Brandi L. Orth
County Clerk/Registrar of Voters

By _____
Ellieana Duncan
Elections Program Technician

Quienes deseen obtener la version espanola de este aviso legal pueden solicitar una copia de la misma llamando al Departamento de Elecciones, (559) 600-8683.