

MEASURE TO BE VOTED ON AND NOTICE OF DATE FIXED FOR SUBMITTING ARGUMENTS ON THE CITY OF ORANGE COVE ESTABLISHING PARCEL TAX

Notice is hereby given that the following measure is to be voted on at the City of Orange Cove municipal election to be held in the County of Fresno, on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

ORANGE COVE POLICE AND FIRE EMERGENCY SAFETY MEASURE

Improve public safety and emergency response times; maintain the number of police officers; fight crime/gangs/drugs; provide modern firefighting equipment, with all money used only for local Police and Fire, shall Orange Cove establish an annual special \$36 parcel tax for single-family homes and specified amounts for multifamily, commercial, agricultural, industrial parcels, expected to raise about \$98,000 annually for four years, with independent Citizen Oversight?

Yes_____

No_____

Synopsis of Measure

This Measure proposes an ordinance to raise revenue for police and fire protection by authorizing a parcel tax on each parcel of real property in the City. The tax would be paid in addition to current State and local property taxes and would be collected at the same time and in the same manner as the existing real property taxes. \$36 shall be imposed on each single-family residential parcel within the City. A tax of \$25 shall be imposed on each multifamily unit within the City. A tax of \$36 shall be imposed on each agricultural parcel within the City. A tax of \$180 shall be imposed on each commercial parcel within the City. A tax of \$275 shall be imposed on each industrial parcel within the City.

The Measure provides for a citizens oversight committee, and the tax is set to expire in four (4) years if approved by two-thirds of the voters on March 3, 2020.

Arguments for or against the measure may be submitted to the Fresno County Clerk/Elections, 2221 Kern St., Fresno, CA 93721, no later than Friday, December 20, 2019 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 any combination of voters and associations. 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 December 20, 2019 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: December 10, 2019

Brandi L. Orth
County Clerk/Registrar of Voters

By: Rosaura Y Barajas
Election Program Coordinator

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