

**MEASURE \_\_\_\_**  
**CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS**

The City Council of the City of Kerman has placed Measure \_\_\_\_ on the November 8, 2022, ballot to ask the City voters to approve an ordinance that would enact a Transient Occupancy Tax. This type of tax is also known as a "TOT" or "hotel tax" and is common in many California cities.

This tax is paid by persons, primarily visitors, who rent a hotel room for stays of 30 consecutive days or less. A hotel is broadly defined to include hotels, inns, tourist homes, apartment houses, campgrounds, and other facilities that offer overnight accommodations. The tax is levied only on persons staying at a hotel or motel in the City for thirty days or less; the tax is not imposed on City of Kerman residents unless they stay at a hotel or motel.

If approved, the Measure would establish a ten percent (10%) tax to be paid. The TOT would be a "general tax." This means that the proceeds are deposited into the City's general fund to be used for unrestricted general revenue purposes. In placing the Measure on the ballot, the City Council indicated that the proposed tax proceeds could be used for maintaining essential City services such as keeping neighborhoods, parks, streets, and public areas safe and clean; addressing homelessness, public safety, and other general services.

The Measure, if approved by the voters, would adopt an ordinance which is a City law. The ordinance would be codified in the Kerman Municipal Code. If approved by the voters, the voter-approved ordinance would continue until ended by the voters of the City of Kerman.

As a general tax, the Measure requires a majority (50% plus 1) of votes cast at the election to pass.

A "Yes" vote on the measure is a vote to approve the ordinance adopting the general tax.

A "No" vote on the measures is a vote against the ordinance adopting the general tax.

**The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure \_\_\_\_.** If you desire a full copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Kerman City Clerk at (559) 846-9380 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. The ordinance is also available online at [www.cityofkerman.org](http://www.cityofkerman.org) or by clicking "county clerk/registrars of voters" at [www.co.fresno.ca.us](http://www.co.fresno.ca.us).

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