

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23

KINGS COUNTY ELECTIONS

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE
APPROVING BALLOT MEASURE TEXT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS
RELATED TO A SPECIAL SALES AND USE TAX OF ONE PERCENT TO BE
DESIGNATED AS MEASURE “ ___ ” TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS ON
NOVEMBER 3, 2020 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION, REQUESTING KINGS
COUNTY ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION, AND REQUESTING
CONSOLIDATION OF THE ELECTION**

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

WHEREAS, the persistent decline in City revenue will affect the City’s ability to maintain public safety services and service levels;

WHEREAS, for the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents and businesses of Lemoore, and maintenance of public safety services, the Council desires to ensure the availability of and to maintain public safety services;

WHEREAS, sales and use tax revenues are a primary source of funding for key general fund-supported services including, fire and police;

WHEREAS, the State of California authorizes cities to seek approval of additional sales and use tax to enhance services in their communities.

WHEREAS, a local sales and use tax in the City of 1% will generate approximately \$1.8 million dollars annually for the City and will allow the City to maintain and protect public safety services because the money is legally required to stay in our community and cannot be taken by the State;

WHEREAS, a copy of the full text of the measure is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the next opportunity to place a measure on the ballot in 2020 is the regularly scheduled United States Presidential Election to be held on November 3, 2020;

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution requesting consolidation of the General Municipal Election with the November 3, 2020, Statewide General Municipal Election;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit this measure to the voters at the November 3, 2020, General Municipal Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lemoore, as follows:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and this Council so finds and determines.

SECTION 2. That a municipal election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City on November 3, 2020, at which election there shall be submitted to the qualified voters the proposition set forth below.

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:

SPECIAL MEASURE __	Yes ____
LEMOORE PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL TAX MEASURE: To generate approximately \$1,800,000 annually for seven years to maintain local police and fire services including prevention and enforcement shall the City of Lemoore enact a 1 percent sales and use tax, requiring a citizens' oversight committee and annual reporting of expenses, with all funds generated staying in the City of Lemoore?	No ____

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 United States Presidential election to be held in the City of Lemoore, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2020.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX FOR SEVEN YEARS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, INCLUDING POLICE AND FIRE FOR THE CITIZENS OF LEMOORE AND WHICH INCLUDES PROCEDURES FOR ANNUAL AUDITS AND CITIZEN OVERSIGHT.

The City of Lemoore has suffered significant revenue shortages that threaten the City's ability to provide essential services to its citizens, including the maintenance of fire and police services. Measure __ will enact an ordinance that imposes up to a one percent (1%) sales and use tax to raise enough money annually to ensure that the City can continue to provide and maintain essential public safety services for the citizens of Lemoore. The ordinance includes procedures for annual audits and citizen oversight.

Dated: 7/7/2020


Marisa Avalos, City Clerk

SECTION 6. The full text of the ordinance for this 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 Kings County Clerk/Registrar of Voters and the Lemoore City Clerk's Office (559-924-6744, Extension. 700).

SECTION 7. Passage of the Measure requires two-thirds (66.67%) votes.

SECTION 8. The City of Lemoore requests that the Kings 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 Kings 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 Kings County Clerk/Registrar of Voters.

SECTION 13. The City Clerk shall file a certified copy of this resolution with the Kings County Clerk/Registrar of Voters as required by law. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to work with the Kings 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 Kings County Clerk/Registrar of Voters.

SECTION 15. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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The foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore held on the 7th day of July, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Plourde, Lyons, Schalde

NOES: Neal

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Marisa Avalos, City Clerk



Edward Neal, Mayor