

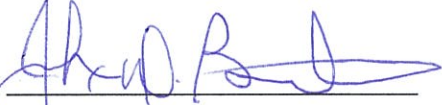
City Attorney's Impartial Analysis of Measure Z

Measure Z, if approved by the voters of the City of Manteca, would adopt the City of Manteca Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance (the "Sales Tax Ordinance"). Measure Z would increase the City's existing sales tax rate by 1%, or one cent, on every dollar of taxable sales of goods in the City, and on the taxable storage, use or consumption in the City of goods purchased. The total sales tax rate currently paid in the City of Manteca, which also includes the sales tax collected for the State of California and the County of San Joaquin, is 8.25%. If Measure Z is approved by the voters, the total sales tax rate in the City would increase to 9.25%.

The proposed tax is a general tax, which means that the tax revenues would be deposited in the City's general fund and may be used for any legitimate governmental purpose. Accountability over revenue and expenditures from the Sales Tax Ordinance will be ensured by independent citizen oversight with public disclosure of revenue and expenditures, financial audits, and updates to the community. The City estimates that Measure Z would raise approximately \$12 million per year in new local revenue for use in the City. As noted in the ballot question, examples of uses of revenue include services such as fire protection, emergency response and preparedness, street repair, crime prevention, recreation and after-school programs and other city services. California law provides cities with the authority to adopt local measures like this one, in the amount proposed, with the approval of the voters. Under current state law, the local tax rate may not be increased beyond the rate proposed in the Sales Tax Ordinance and will be in effect until ended by the voters. Measure Z was placed on the ballot by the Manteca City Council.

The Sales Tax Ordinance provides that the revenue will be collected by the State of California under a contract with the City.

Article XIII C of the California Constitution, commonly known as Proposition 218, requires that the proposed general tax be approved by a majority of the voters voting on the Measure. A "yes" vote on Measure Z is to adopt the Sales Tax Ordinance. A "no" vote on Measure Z is to not adopt the Sales Tax Ordinance.



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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure Z. If you desire a copy of the Sales Tax Ordinance, please call the City Clerk at 209-456-8017 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.