

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-__

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWS:
(A) ORDERING SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY,
A MEASURE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A THREE-QUARTER
CENT SPECIAL SALES, TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX,
(B) AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT BALLOT ARGUMENTS
IN FAVOR OF THE MEASURE, AND
(C) DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN
IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF THE MEASURE**

WHEREAS, the City of Willows (“City”) may impose a local sales, transactions and use tax increase for specific purposes with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of voters in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted an ordinance adding Chapter 3.15.085 to the Willows Municipal Code, entitled “Willows Three-Quarter Cent Sales, Transactions and Use Tax” (the “Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3.15.085 of the Willows Municipal Code establishes a special Three-Quarter cent sales, transactions and use tax to be administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (the “Sales Tax”); and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, would implement the Sales Tax which, if approved by two-thirds of qualified voters, would take effect no earlier than **February 23, 2021**; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willows Planning Administrator has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that this activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it is a financing decision without commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the actions proposed are not subject to CEQA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.91 and California Elections Code Section 9222, the City Council desires to submit the Ordinance to the electorate at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also desires to authorize the Mayor to submit ballot arguments in favor of the measure,

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

1. All of the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

2. The City Council pursuant to its right and authority, does hereby order submitted to the voters at the General Election on November 3, 2020, the following question:

Shall the measure to provide adequate fire and emergency medical services within the City of Willows by enacting a ¾ cent sales, transaction and use tax, until the voters decide otherwise, generating an estimated \$_____ million annually for City’s fire and emergency medical services, with all funds staying in Willows, with citizen oversight and independent audits, be adopted?	YES	
	NO	

This question requires the approval of two-thirds of qualified voters voting.

3. That the proposed Ordinance to be submitted to the voters is attached as Exhibit “A” and incorporated into this resolution by this reference.

4. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9282, the City Council hereby acknowledges its authority, and the authority of any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, to submit a written argument, not to exceed 300 words, for or against the measure, and authorizes the Mayor to submit arguments in favor of the measures, on behalf of the City Council. Arguments must be submitted to the Glenn County Elections Officer and may be changed until and including the date fixed by the Glenn County Elections Officer, after which no arguments for or against the measure may be submitted, withdrawn or changed.

5. Pursuant Elections Code section 9285, rebuttal arguments will be allowed. The rebuttal arguments may not exceed 250 words. Rebuttal arguments must be submitted to the Glenn County Elections Officer, and may be changed until and including the date fixed by the Glenn County Elections Officer, after which no rebuttal arguments for or against the proposed measure may be submitted to the City Clerk.

6. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9280, the City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney is directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure, not to exceed 500 words in length, showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of t h e measure, and transmit such impartial analyses to the Glenn County Elections Officer by the date fixed by the Glenn County Elections Officer.

7. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forthwith file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the Registrar of Voters of the County of Glenn and to issue instructions to the Registrar of Voters to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the election.

8. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution by a two-thirds vote of all members of the City Council, as required by Revenue & Taxation Code section 7285.9, and file it with the City’s original resolutions.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Willows on the 26th day of May, 2020, by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Kerri Warren, Mayor

Tara Rustenhoven, City Clerk

Presented by Approved as to form by:

City Attorney