CITY ATTORNEY IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

CITY OF PARLIER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL PARCEL TAX FOR POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES

The Parlier City Council voted to place on the ballot a proposed ordinance to add Chapter 3.25 to Title 3 of the Parlier Municipal Code establishing a special parcel tax to pay for local police protection services. The ordinance will sunset by operation of law on 6/30/2022. If approved by a two-thirds majority of voters, the ordinance would impose a tax in the amount of one hundred and twenty dollars ($120.00) on each single-family residential parcel and each agricultural parcel, ninety-five dollars ($95.00) per unit on each multi-family residential parcel, nine hundred seventy five dollars ($975.00) on each commercial parcel, twelve hundred dollars ($1200.00) on each industrial parcel, and one hundred dollars ($100.00) per space on each mobile home parcel. Vacant, undeveloped properties will be taxed the same as the type of property for which it is zoned. If the property is zoned for mixed-use, it shall be taxed at the higher rate for the zoned, mixed use.

Parcels owned by the City, Federal or State government or any other public agency and parcels owned by any public or private entity that are specifically exempted from a parcel tax enacted as a special tax per Federal or State statute or regulation shall be exempt.

The proposed special parcel tax is estimated to raise a half-million dollars each year and designated for police protection services only. To assure that the funds are spent only on police protection services, the tax revenues will be subject to oversight by an independent committee that will provide an annual review report to assure accountability and the proper disbursement of the funds.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance 2016-03. If you desire a copy of the ordinance, please call the Fresno County Elections Office at 559-600-3011 or the Parlier City Clerk at 559-646-3545 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned author of the impartial analysis of the ballot proposition CITY OF PARLIER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL PARCEL TAX FOR POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES to be voted on at the general election for the City of Parlier to be held on November 8, 2016, hereby states that this analysis is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: 8-17-16
Signed: Jenell Van Bindsbergen
City Attorney

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