

CITY OF ONTARIO
CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "H"
1/2% TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX

On August 7, 2026, the City Council voted to place Measure "H" on the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election ballot.

If approved by a majority of Ontario voters, this Measure would authorize a one-half percent (1/2%) retail transactions and use (sales) tax within the City of Ontario. A one-half percent (1/2%) rate equates to an extra 50¢ per \$100 purchased. It is estimated that Measure "H" will provide an additional \$32,500,000 in annual local funding that could be used for maintaining general City services such as 911 fire, paramedic and police response, anti-gang programs, cleaning and maintaining public areas, repairing streets and potholes, addressing homelessness, increasing access to affordable housing for seniors, families and individuals, and retaining and attracting local businesses. This tax would be a "general tax," meaning that revenues raised from the tax would go into the City's general fund to pay for any lawful City program, improvement, or service.

California Proposition 218 and Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9 authorize the City to levy a general transactions and use/sales tax at a rate of one-half percent (1/2%) so long as the tax is approved by a majority of the voters voting in an election on that issue. If approved, the tax would start being collected on April 1, 2027 and would remain in effect until repealed by voters at a subsequent election.

The tax would be paid in addition to current sales taxes and would be collected at the same time and in the same manner as existing sales taxes. All revenues raised by the tax would remain in the City and would not be shared with the State, County or any other agency.

A "yes" vote on Measure "H" will authorize the 1/2% transactions and use (sales) tax.

A "no" vote on Measure "H" will not authorize the 1/2% transactions and use (sales) tax.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "H". If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the City's elections official at (909) 395-2000 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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