

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-136

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A GENERAL TAX MEASURE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX (SALES TAX) AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF PERCENT (1/2%).

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario ("City") is authorized to levy a Transactions and Use Tax ("TUT") for general purposes pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9, subject to approval by a majority vote of the electorate pursuant to Article XIIC, section 2 of the California Constitution ("Proposition 218"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Elections Code section 9222, the City Council has authority to place local measures on the ballot to be considered at a Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to submit to the voters at the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election a measure establishing a supplemental general TUT of one-half percent (1/2%) on the sale and/or use of all tangible personal property sold at retail in the City until it is repealed by voters, as more specifically set forth in the attached proposed ordinance adding Chapter 13 to Title 3 of the City's Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the one-half percent (1/2%) TUT is a general tax, the revenue of which will be placed in the City's general fund and will be used to pay for general City services; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 1996, the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 218, an amendment to the State Constitution which requires that all general taxes which are imposed, extended or increased must be submitted to the electorate and approved by a majority vote of the qualified electors voting in the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proposition 218 (California Constitution, Article XIIC, section 2(b)), the general rule is that any local election for the approval of an increase to a general tax must be consolidated with a regularly scheduled general election for members of the governing body of the local government; and

WHEREAS, the next regularly scheduled general election at which City Council members will be elected is November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members of the City Council is required to place the Measure on the November 3, 2026 ballot; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance to be considered by the qualified voters and the terms of approval, collection and use of the general TUT are described and provided for in the ordinance/measure attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "Measure") and by this reference made an operative part hereof, in accordance with all applicable laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated and made an operative part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Submission of Ballot Measure. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 9222, Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9 and any other applicable requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to the City, the City Council, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members, hereby orders the Measure to be submitted to the voters of the City at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

SECTION 3. The City Council, pursuant to California Elections Code section 9222, hereby orders that the ballot question for the Measure shall be presented and printed upon the ballot submitted to the qualified voters in the manner and form set forth in this Section 3. On the ballot to be submitted to the qualified voters at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in addition to any other matters required by law, there shall be printed substantially the following ballot question:

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| "To maintain fire, paramedic, police, 911 response, anti-gang programs; respond to property crimes, thefts, burglaries; clean and maintain public areas; repair streets/potholes; address homelessness; increase access to affordable housing for seniors/families/individuals; retain/attract local businesses; for general City services; shall the measure establishing a half-cent sales tax providing approximately \$32,500,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring audits, spending disclosure, funds locally controlled, be adopted?" | YES |
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SECTION 4. Conduct of Election. The City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9280, the City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the Measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall 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 the Measure, and transmit such impartial analysis to the City Clerk not later than Monday August 17, 2026.

The impartial analysis shall include a statement indicating whether the Measure was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters or by the City Council. In the event the entire text of the Measure is not printed on the ballot, nor in the voter information guide, there shall be printed immediately below the impartial analysis, in no less than 10-font bold type, the following: **“The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure \_\_\_\_\_. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Office of the City Clerk at: (909) 395-2000 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.”**

SECTION 6. Notice of the election is hereby given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 7. Placement on the Ballot. The full text of the Measure shall not be printed in the voter information guide, and a statement shall be printed on the ballot pursuant to Elections Code section 9223 advising voters that they may obtain a copy of this Resolution and the Measure, at no cost, upon request made to the City Clerk.

SECTION 8. Filing with County. The City Clerk shall, not later than the 88th day prior to the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, file with the Board of Supervisors and the Registrar of Voters of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, a certified copy of this Resolution.

SECTION 9. Public Examination. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9295, this Measure will be available for public examination for no fewer than ten (10) calendar days. The City Clerk shall post notice in the Clerk’s office of the specific dates that the examination period will run.

SECTION 10. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the Measure relates to organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the State CEQA Guidelines, section 15378(b)(5).

SECTION 11. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are severable and if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, that provision shall be severed from the Resolution and the remainder of this Resolution shall continue in full force and effect, and not be affected by such invalidity.

SECTION 12. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

SECTION 13. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.

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PAUL S. LEON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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SHEILA MAUTZ, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP  
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO )  
CITY OF ONTARIO )

I, SHEILA MAUTZ, City Clerk of the City of Ontario, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that foregoing Resolution No. 2026-136 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Ontario at their special meeting held August 7, 2026 by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS: LEON, BOWMAN, PORADA AND MACIAS

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: WAPNER

SHEILA MAUTZ, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

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SHEILA MAUTZ, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

## RESOLUTION NO. 2026-137

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF DIRECT AND REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS AND SETTING RULES FOR THE FILING OF WRITTEN ARGUMENTS REGARDING A CITY MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Ontario, California on November 3, 2026, at which there will be submitted to the voters the following measure:

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| "To maintain fire, paramedic, police, 911 response, anti-gang programs; respond to property crimes, thefts, burglaries; clean and maintain public areas; repair streets/potholes; address homelessness; increase access to affordable housing for seniors/families/individuals; retain/attract local businesses; for general City services; shall the measure establishing a half-cent sales tax providing approximately \$32,500,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring audits, spending disclosure, funds locally controlled, be adopted?" | Yes |
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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Direct Arguments. That the City Council authorizes (i) the City Council or any member(s) of the City Council, (ii) any individual voter eligible to vote on the above measure, (iii) a bona fide association of such citizens or (iv) any combination of voters and associations, to file a written argument in favor of or against the City measure, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, in accordance with Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, and to change the argument until and including the date fixed below by the City Clerk, after which no arguments for or against the City measure may be submitted to the City Clerk.

The deadline to submit direct arguments for or against the City Measure pursuant to this Resolution is Monday August 17, 2026. Each argument shall not exceed 300 words and shall be filed with the City Clerk, signed, and include the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument.

SECTION 2. Rebuttal Arguments. Pursuant to Section 9285 of the Elections Code of the State of California, when the City Clerk has selected the primary arguments for and against the City Measure which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the Clerk shall send copies of the primary argument in favor of the Measure to the authors of

the primary argument against, and copies of the primary argument against to the authors of the primary argument in favor. The authors or persons designated by them may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk not later than Friday, August 21, 2026. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument which it seeks to rebut.

SECTION 3. November 3, 2026 Election. That the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 shall apply only to the election to be held on November 3, 2026, and shall then be repealed.

SECTION 4. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.

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