Impartial Analysis of Measure A

The City Council placed Measure A on the November 7, 2023, ballot for consideration by City of Perris voters.

If approved, Measure A establishes an annual special business license tax that requires every person conducting the business of, operating, or managing a distribution facility or industrial business to pay an annual tax in the amount of up to \$0.107 per square foot for space principally utilized for distribution facility or industrial business purposes, as calculated by the Perris city manager. Beginning July 1, 2025, and every subsequent July 1, this tax rate would be adjusted by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"). If there is no change or there is a percentage decrease in CPI in any given year, then the tax would be unchanged, unless approved by the City Council. Measure A is estimated to collect \$4,019,315 annually. Revenue generated by this tax would be deposited into a separate fund and can only be spent on improvement, operation, maintenance, repair and/or restoration of Perris public roads, including truck routes, collector streets, and arterial streets as identified in the City of Perris General Plan Circulation Map and any City of Perris specific plan circulation maps. Measure A includes the following definitions:

"Distribution facility" means "a business consisting primarily of receiving, temporarily storing, and subsequently distributing goods, wares, or merchandise of any kind to wholesalers or retailers."

"Industrial business" means "a business consisting primarily of indoor or outdoor storage of large trucks or a business consisting primarily of indoor or outdoor manufacturing with large truck activity."

"Road" means "that portion of a street, highway, or other public right-of-way publicly maintained and open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel."

"Large truck" means "a truck, tractor, trailer, or other vehicle exceeding a maximum gross weight limit of 5 tons."

This tax expires 30 years from its effective date and includes enforcement and accountability provisions. The City Council is able to make amendments, provided that the tax is not increased in a manner requiring voter approval. Regulations would be established to administer the tax, including collection, enforcement, penalties and refunds.

A "YES" vote on Measure A is a vote in favor of the annual special business license tax of up to \$0.107 per square foot upon distribution facilities and industrial businesses (as defined). A "NO" vote on Measure A is a vote against the annual special business license tax of up to \$0.107 per square foot upon distribution facilities and industrial businesses (as defined).

Measure A takes effect if approved by 2/3 of those voting at the November 7, 2023, special municipal election.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure A. If you desire a copy of Measure A, please contact the Perris City Clerk's office at (951) 943-6100 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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City of Perris