

RESOLUTION NO. 181-19 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ORDERING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE CALLED ON WHETHER TO RENEW EXISTING ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT SALES TAX FOR PUBLIC SAFETY BY AMENDING ARTICLE 11 (TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX: PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX MEASURE) OF CHAPTER 6 (TAXATION) OF TITLE 3 (FINANCE) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE; REQUESTING SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION; REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 3, 2020; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TAKE STEPS TO PLACE SAID MEASURE

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Watsonville, by Resolution No. 22-14 (CM) called a Special Municipal Election to be held in the City on June 3, 2014, as required by law, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City a measure whether to impose a one-half of one percent (0.50%) Transactions and Use Tax for Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the voters in the City of Watsonville at the election conducted on June 3, 2014, enacted the Sales and Use Tax Public Safety Tax Measure (Measure G); and

WHEREAS, the City Council recommends renewing the existing one-half cent local sales tax until repealed by voters, to maintain adequate staffing levels of firefighters and police, continue funding of youth prevention and development programs, and include the Parks & Community Services Department as a new partner to the Police and Fire Departments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10002, the governing body of any city may by resolution request the Board of Supervisors of the County to permit the county elections official to render specified services to the City relating to the conduct of an election; and

WHEREAS, the resolution of the City Council of the City of Watsonville shall specify the services requested; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10002, the City shall reimburse the County in full for the services performed upon presentation of a bill to the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10400, whenever two or more elections, including bond elections, of any legislative or congressional district, public district, city, county, or other political subdivision are called to be held on the same day, in the same territory, or in territory that is in part the same, they may be consolidated upon the order of the governing body or bodies or officer or officers calling the elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10400, such election for cities may be consolidated; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403, whenever an election called by a City, or other political subdivision for the submission of any question, proposition, or office to be filled is to be consolidated with a statewide election, and the question, proposition, or office to be filled is to appear upon the same ballot as that provided for that statewide election, the City shall, at least 88 days prior to the date of the election, file with the board of supervisors, and a copy with the elections official, a resolution of the City Council requesting the consolidation, and setting forth the exact form of any question, proposition, or office to be voted upon at the election, as it is to appear on the ballot. Upon such request, the Board of Supervisor may order the consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the resolution requesting the consolidation shall be adopted and filed at the same time as the adoption of the ordinance, resolution, or order calling the election; and

WHEREAS, various district, county, state, and other political subdivision elections may be or have been called to be held on March 3, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Watsonville hereby orders a Special Municipal Election be called and consolidated with any and all elections also called to be held on March 3, 2020, insofar as said elections are to be held in the same territory or in territory that is in part of the same as the territory of the City of Watsonville and requests the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz to order such consolidation under Elections Code Sections 10401 and 10403.

SECTION 2. That the City Council of the City of Watsonville hereby requests the Board of Supervisors to permit the Santa Cruz County Elections Department to provide any and all services necessary for conducting the election if the City agrees to pay for said services.

SECTION 3. That the City Council of the City of Watsonville hereby orders that the Santa Cruz County Elections Department shall conduct the Special Municipal Election for the following measure to be voted on at the March 3, 2020 election: at which election shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Watsonville the following measure:

Ballot Question:

To fight crime, save lives, ensure rapid 911 response to medical emergencies and fires and keep Watsonville safe by maintaining and increasing: after-school youth programs and safe places to keep teens out of trouble, neighborhood patrols, police officers, firefighters and paramedics and lifesaving public safety equipment; shall Watsonville continue its existing one-half-cent sales tax until repealed by voters, restricted to specific uses, subject to independent citizens' oversight and audits, providing \$4 million annually?

Yes _____

No _____

The ballot measure text will read as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1393-19 (CM)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE RESCINDING ARTICLE 11 (TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX: PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX MEASURE) OF CHAPTER 6 (TAXATION) OF TITLE 3 (FINANCE) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 11 ENTITLED TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX: PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX MEASURE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND TO BE APPROVED BY VOTERS

Rescinds Ordinance No. 1301-14 (CM)

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**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE,
CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. ENACTMENT.

Title 3 (Finance) of the Watsonville Municipal Code is hereby amended by rescinding Article 11 (Transactions and Use Tax: Public Safety Sales Tax Measure) of Chapter 6 (Taxation) in its entirety and adding a new Article 11 entitled Transactions and Use Tax: Public Safety Sales Tax Measure to read in words and figures as follows:

**ARTICLE 11
TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX: PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX MEASURE**

Sec. 3-6.1101 Title.

This article shall be known as the City of Watsonville transactions and use tax: public safety sales tax measure. The City of Watsonville hereinafter shall be called "City." This article shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City of Watsonville.

Sec. 3-6.1102 Program restrictions.

The public safety sales tax measure will provide a secure, local revenue stream to the City of Watsonville that shall be used entirely to provide additional police and fire personnel, update public safety equipment, facilities and services, and enhance youth violence prevention programs to protect our community. Detailed expenditure plans shall be developed to explain how the funds will be spent if the one-half of one (0.50%)

percent sales tax is renewed by voters. These program restrictions are established to govern how the money shall be spent, to specify the accounting, audit and oversight methods that will be implemented to make certain that the funds are spent according to the voters' direction, and to ensure the public is well-informed of the progress and process.

(a) Public Safety Services. The public safety sales tax measure will enable the City to maintain: police officer staffing levels; police emergency response times; neighborhood patrols; anti-gang and youth violence prevention, intervention and suppression efforts including the Police Activities League program and other youth programs. The public safety sales tax measure will enable the upgrade of equipment and technology to help solve crimes, combat crime and fight gangs and expand programs to identify and shut down drug and gang houses. It will also help maintain: firefighter staffing levels to ensure enough are on duty, fire and paramedic emergency response times and replace inadequate and outdated life-saving equipment. Funds may be used to improve, maintain or develop services or facilities (i.e. East Side Emergency Services) based on demand for services as demonstrated by call volumes, response times or other measureable indicators of community need. The public safety sales tax measure will enable the City to hire more parks and recreation staff for youth prevention programs, increase recreation services to neighborhoods, and upgrade equipment and facilities to increase and improve safe places for youth in the Watsonville Community.

(b) The City shall commission an independent third-party fire facility and operational needs assessment at least once every decade, no later than two years after final decennial census data is available. The facility and operational needs assessment shall be used to update the City's Fire Department and Police Department short-term,

and long-term facility and operational needs. The first assessment should be conducted by July 2020, paid for by the measure.

(c) Fiscal Accountability Protections. An independent auditor shall annually review and audit expenditures of funds specifically derived from the public safety sales tax measure, to disclose how the money was used and ensure compliance with the expenditure plans and to ensure that revenues are spent within prudent, established accounting procedures and practices. The results shall be part of the City's annual audit.

(1) The City Revenue Measure Oversight Committee shall serve in an oversight capacity to at least bi-annually review revenues and expenditures and provide second independent verification that all expenditure are being made as promised to Watsonville residents. The findings of both the Revenue Measure Oversight Committee and the independent auditor shall be reviewed by the City Council at a publicly noticed meeting of the Council and made available to the public.

(2) The Public Safety Tax Measure will be in effect until repealed by Watsonville voters.

(d) Dedicated Accounting Structure. The public safety sales tax measure annual budget appropriation shall specify that all revenues from the public safety sales tax measure shall be used only for improving our community's public safety, with the revenue to be directed in support of the Police, Fire and Parks and Community Service Departments, in the proportions of fifty-four percent (54%) to Police, thirty-eight percent (38%) to Fire and eight percent (8%) to Parks and Community Services.

The City shall establish separate funds into which these specific monies shall be deposited. These funds shall be separate for Police, Fire and Parks and Community Services and shall be the source of their respective expenditures as established in the annual budget appropriation reviewed by the Revenue Measure Oversight Committee and approved by resolution of the Council.

(e) Maintenance of Effort. The City Council shall not use public safety sales tax measure funds to replace General Fund operating budget contributions for the Police and Fire. The baseline maintenance of effort budgets for this purpose shall be the fiscal year 2013-2014 adopted General Fund budgeted City contribution amounts for Police and Fire operations inflated by the change in Consumer Price Index not to exceed 3% beginning in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. The Police Department fiscal year 2013-2014 adopted General Fund operating City budget contribution amount is \$12,359,924; and the Fire Department fiscal year 2013-2014 adopted General Fund operating City budget contribution amount is \$5,672,299. The Consumer Price Index shall be for all Urban Consumers for the San Francisco Bay Area for the preceding April to April change.

(f) Administrative Costs. Administrative overhead costs for accounting, payroll and human resources related to the public safety sales tax measure shall not exceed two (2%) percent of the annually budgeted revenues.

(g) Contingency/Reserve Fund. Because the public safety sales tax measure is used for essential services that are needed during both good and bad economic times, the City Council shall establish a contingency/reserve fund adequate to ensure that services are maintained in the event sales tax revenues decline. There shall be a

separate public safety sales tax measure contingency/reserve fund for the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Parks and Community Services Department.

(1) A public safety sales tax measure contingency/reserve fund shall be established as follows: A contingency/reserve fund containing ten (10%) percent of the annually budgeted revenues will be established. In any given year when the contingency/reserve fund holds less than the required ten (10%) percent of annual revenues, the first use of funds will be to implement the plan's current year program and then to establish or reestablish the contingency/reserve fund.

(2) If actual revenues in any given year are less than budgeted revenues, the City Council may use the contingency/reserve fund to make up the difference between budgeted revenues and actual revenues for the approved annual budget appropriation.

(h) **Priorities If Additional Revenues Are Available.** If the contingency/reserve fund is fully funded and all annual planned expenditures have been implemented, any additional unanticipated sales tax revenues shall be used first to accelerate the implementation of the expenditure plans and then to provide additional public safety facilities, personnel, and equipment and youth violence prevention and Parks and Community Services based upon the specific needs of the community with the review and recommendation of the Revenue Measure Oversight Committee and approval of the City Council.

Sec. 3-6.1103 Operative date.

“Operative date” shall mean the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than one hundred ten (110) days after the adoption of the ordinance codified in this article.

Sec. 3-6.1104 Purpose.

This article is adopted to achieve the following, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish these purposes:

(a) To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) and Section 7285.91 of Part 1.7 both in Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code which authorizes the City to adopt this tax ordinance which shall be operative if two-thirds of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.

(b) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(c) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefor that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

(d) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with

the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this article.

Sec. 3-6.1105 Contract with State.

Prior to the operative date, the City shall contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transaction and use tax ordinance; provided, that if the City shall not have contracted with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

Sec. 3-6.1106 Transactions tax rate.

For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the City at the rate of one-half of one (0.50%) percent of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory until repealed by voters from the operative date of the ordinance codified in this article.

Sec. 3-6.1107 Place of sale.

For the purposes of this article, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the State sales and use tax, regardless of

the place to which delivery is made. If a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one (1) place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Sec. 3-6.1108 Use tax rate.

An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the incorporated territory of the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer for after the operative date of the ordinance until repealed by the voters as codified in this article for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of one-half of one (0.50%) percent of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to State sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

Sec. 3-6.1109 Adoption of provisions of State law.

Except as otherwise provided in this article and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this article as though fully set forth herein.

Sec. 3-6.1110 Limitations on adoption of State law and collection of use taxes.

In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

(a) Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this City shall be substituted therefor. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

(1) The word “State” is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Board of Control, *California Department of Tax and Fee Administration*, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;

(2) The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this City or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the *California Department of Tax and Fee Administration*, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this article.

(3) In those sections, including but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

(i) Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remains subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or

(ii) Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use, or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the State under the said provision of that code.

(4) In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(b) The word “City” shall be substituted for the word “State” in the phrase “retailer engaged in business in this State” in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

(1) "A retailer engaged in business in the District" shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined sales of tangible personal property in this state or for delivery in the State by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). For purposes of this section, a person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to Section 267(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and the regulations thereunder.

Sec. 3-6.1111 Permit not required.

If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this article.

Sec. 3-6.1112 Exemptions and exclusions.

(a) There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any State-administered transactions or use tax.

(b) There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:

(1) Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

(2) Sales of property to be used outside the City which is shipped to a point outside the City, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this subsection, delivery to a point outside the City shall be satisfied:

(i) With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code, by registration to an out-of-City address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

(ii) With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out of City and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

(3) The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of the ordinance codified in this article.

(4) A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of the ordinance codified in this article.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (b)(3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

(c) There is exempted from the use tax imposed by this article the storage, use or other consumption in this City of tangible personal property:

(1) The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any State-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.

(2) Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

(3) If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of the ordinance codified in this article.

(4) If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the

property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of the ordinance codified in this article.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (c)(3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

(6) Except as provided in subsection (c)(7) of this section, a retailer engaged in business in the City shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the City or participates within the City in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the City or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the City under the authority of the retailer.

(7) “A retailer engaged in business in the City” shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the City.

(d) Any person subject to use tax under this article may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

Sec. 3-6.1113 Amendments.

All amendments subsequent to the effective date of the ordinance codified in this article to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Parts 1.6 and 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Parts 1.6 and 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this article; provided, however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this article.

Sec. 3-6.1114 Enjoining collection forbidden.

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the City, or against any officer of the State or the City, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this article, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

Sec. 3-6.1115 Severability.

If any provision of this article or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the article and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Sec. 3-6.1116 Effective date.

The ordinance codified in this article relates to the levying and collecting of the City transactions and use tax and shall take effect immediately.

Sec. 3-6.1117 Termination date.

The tax levied by this article shall continue until repealed by voters from the operative date of the ordinance codified in this article.

SECTION 2. PUBLICATION.

This ordinance shall be published in the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian and/or Santa Cruz Sentinel in compliance with the provisions of the City Charter.

SECTION 4. That the Santa Cruz County Elections Department is hereby requested to print the hereinabove measure text exactly as filed or indicated on the filed document in the Voter’s Information Pamphlet for the March 3, 2020 election. Cost of printing and distribution of the measure text will be paid for by the City.

SECTION 5. That the City Clerk of the City of Watsonville is hereby ordered and directed to cause to be published a synopsis of the measure to be submitted at the Special General Election in the time, manner and form required by Section 12111 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

SECTION 6. That the Special Municipal Election hereby called shall be held and conducted and the votes thereat canvassed and the returns thereof made, and the results thereof ascertained and determined as herein provided, and in all particulars not prescribed in this resolution, the Special Municipal Election shall be held as provided for

in the Charter of the City, and in all particulars not provided for therein, the election shall be held as provided by law for the holding of special municipal elections in the City of Watsonville and otherwise in accordance with the Elections Code of the State of California.

All persons qualified to vote at municipal elections in the City of Watsonville on the day of the election herein provided for shall be qualified to vote on the measure hereby submitted at the election.

To vote in favor of the measure a voter shall mark the voting square to the right after the word "Yes" on the ballot to the right of such measure, and to vote against the measure a voter shall mark the voting square to the right after the word "NO" on the ballot to the right of such measure. If a majority of the qualified voters voting on the measure vote in favor thereof, such measure shall be deemed ratified.

SECTION 7. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz is hereby requested to order the County Clerk (1) to set forth on all sample ballots to be mailed to the qualified electors of the City of Watsonville for said consolidated election the text of the ballot measure as set forth hereinabove, arguments (if any) for and against said measure, and other authorized material (if any), and (2) to provide absent voter ballots for said election for use by the qualified electors of the City of Watsonville who are entitled thereto, in the manner provided by law.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz is hereby further requested to direct the County Elections Official to canvass, or cause to be canvassed, as provided by law, returns of said special election and to certify such canvass of the votes cast for and against said measure to the City Council of the City of Watsonville.

SECTION 8. That the City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an impartial analysis for the hereinabove measure. Deadline for filing analysis of local ballot measure shall be December 13, 2019, by 5:00pm.

SECTION 9. That the Administrative Services Director is hereby directed to prepare an impartial fiscal analysis for the hereinabove measure. Deadline for filing analysis of local ballot measure shall be December 13, 2019, by 5:00pm.

SECTION 10. That the City Clerk is directed to take the necessary steps to request the addition of this ballot measure on the March 3, 2020, consolidated general election ballot for the City of Watsonville.

SECTION 11. The deadline for filing arguments for the ballot measure with the City Clerk shall be December 13, 2019, by 5:00pm., and the argument shall not exceed 300 words in length. Rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk by December 20, 2019, by 5:00pm., and shall not exceed 250 words in length. When the City Clerk has selected the arguments for and against the measure, which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the City Clerk shall send copies of the argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against, and copies of the argument against to the authors of the argument in favor.

SECTION 12. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this Resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the County Clerk of Santa Cruz County.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Watsonville, held on the 12th day of November, 2019, by Member Gonzalez, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Member Hernandez, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Estrada**
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Coffman-Gomez, Garcia, Parker**
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **None**



Francisco Estrada, Mayor

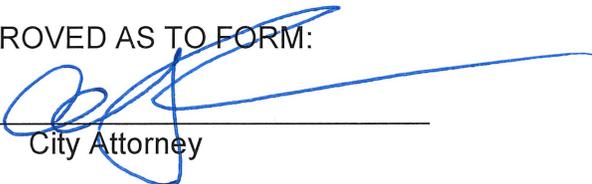
ATTEST:



City Clerk

Nov 15, 2019
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

I, Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk of the City of Watsonville, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 181-19 (CM) was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Watsonville City Council at a meeting thereof held on the 12th day of November, 2019, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of said Resolution.



Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk

Date Nov 15, 2019