

City Attorney's Impartial Analysis

ARVIN ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICES SALES TAX MEASURE

The City Council of Arvin placed the Arvin Essential City Services Sales Tax Measure on the ballot for the November 3, 2026 election ("Measure"). The City of Arvin ("City") currently imposes a 1% transactions and use tax. This Measure, if approved by voters, adds a new Chapter 3.36 to Title 3 of the Arvin Municipal Code, which establishes a new additional 1% transactions and use tax, so that the total transactions and use tax rate is 2%. This tax is a general tax (where the tax revenue collected is placed in the City's general fund for general governmental purposes) and will be in effect until ended by voters.

This tax would be assessed on the sale of tangible goods and the storage, use, or other consumption of such goods. This 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. Both visitors and City residents would pay this tax on retail sales activity in Arvin. Certain purchases, such as groceries or prescription medicine, would be exempt from the tax. The specific transactions and uses subject to the tax would be determined under State law and the regulations of the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration ("CDTFA"). The CDTFA would administer the tax under contract with the City.

If approved, this Measure is a general tax and will generate approximately \$2,350,000 annually in additional revenue until ended by voters. Funds generated by the tax would be placed in the City's general fund, are not restricted, and may be used for any City general fund purpose. Further, it would be subject to annual independent auditing.

A "YES" vote is a vote to approve the Measure. A "NO" vote is a vote against the Measure. The Measure would take effect only if it receives a majority "YES" vote at the November 3, 2026 election.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of the Measure. If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the City of Arvin's City Clerk's Office at 661-854-3134 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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