

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY COUNSEL
CITY OF MCFARLAND
MEASURE P

Measure P asks voters to add a Section to Chapter 17.200 of the McFarland Municipal Code, which prohibits new Confined Animal Feeding Operations (“CAFO”) and phases out existing CAFOs, to authorize the McFarland City Council to make amendments to, revise, extend, supplement or repeal provisions of Chapter 17.200. Measure P requires proper public notice prior to the City Council taking any action to amend, revise, extend, supplement or repeal any portion of Chapter 17.200.

Measure P was placed on the ballot by Resolution of the City Council of the City of McFarland. The full text of Measure P is published in the Voter Information Guide.

Measure P would not make any changes to the current Chapter 17.200. For example, CAFOs would continue to be prohibited within the City Limits of McFarland, and defined in accordance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The animals covered would continue to be cattle or cow/calf pairs, mature dairy cattle, veal calves, swine, horses, sheep or lambs, turkeys, chickens, laying hens or broilers, and ducks. CAFOs would continue to be categorized as large, medium, or small, depending on the number and type of confined animals and potential to impact water quality; and penalties would still be assessed on parties not complying with the provisions of 17.200. Measure P would only add a Section to Chapter 17.200 to authorize the City Council to make changes in the future.

Measure P will become effective only if approved by a majority of those voting on the measure.

A “yes” vote on Measure P will add a new section to Chapter 17.200 of the McFarland Municipal Code to allow the City Council of the City of McFarland to amend, revise, extend, supplement, or repeal the code provisions governing CAFOs in all zoning districts within the City limits after providing proper notice.

A “no” vote on Measure P will keep the existing code provisions, which require voter approval to amend, revise, extend, supplement, or repeal the code provisions governing CAFOs in all zoning districts within the City.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of this measure. If you desire a copy of the Ordinance, please contact the City Clerk’s office at 401 W. Kern Avenue, McFarland, CA 93250, or at telephone number (661) 792-3091, and a copy will be sent to you at no charge. Free copies of the Ordinance are also available at the City Clerk’s office via email request to edelacruz@cityofmcfarland.ca.gov.

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