



Measure H 2018 Parks Maintenance Tax

Ballot Language:

Shall Ordinance 2521, which renews the existing Park Maintenance Tax of \$49 per year on residential units and on non-residential units in amounts specified in the Ordinance, for 20 years, adds an annual 2% inflator, and is expected to generate \$1.4 million in the first year to fund maintenance of parks, street trees, greenbelts, bike paths, medians, public landscaping, urban wildlife and habitat, swimming pools, and public recreational facilities, be adopted?

What is the Parks Maintenance Tax (Measure H)?

Measure H is a City ballot measure to renew the current Parks Maintenance Tax that was first approved by voters in 1998. Measure H will be on the June 5, 2018 ballot. It requires a two-thirds (66.67%) vote to pass.

Is this a new tax and how much is it?

No, this is not a new tax. It was approved by voters and has been in effect since 1998. Measure H would renew the existing Parks Maintenance Tax at the same rate of \$49 per residential parcel and \$40 per 1,000 sq. ft. for non-residential parcels. The following table compares the current tax with the proposed tax on the June ballot:

Current Parks Tax	Proposed Parks Tax (Measure H)
Single Family Residential - \$49 per house/year Multi-Family Residential - \$49 per unit/year Commercial - \$40 per 1,000 sf, to max of 10,000 sf.	Same
6 Year Sunset (expires June 2018)	20 Year Sunset (expires June 2038)
Low Income Provision	Same
No Annual Cost of Living adjustment	2%
Use of revenue is restricted to maintenance of parks, open space, greenbelts, medians, pools and recreation facilities	Same
2/3 voter approval required	Same

How does the City use the revenue from the Parks Maintenance Tax?

The Parks Maintenance Tax provides \$1.4 million annually, which currently pays for 18% of parks maintenance costs. The funds are dedicated to assisting with the maintenance of parks, street trees, greenbelts, bike paths, medians, public landscaping, urban wildlife and habitat, swimming pools, and public recreational facilities in the community, such as building in parks, play structures, and courts and fields. As a special tax, revenues must be spent only for these purposes.

Since the initial Parks Maintenance Tax went into effect, the City has added the maintenance of three community parks (Arroyo, Mace Ranch, and Walnut), four neighborhood parks (John Barovetto, Harvest, Market and Cannery Dog Park), the Arroyo pool complex and approximately 43 additional acres of greenbelts and open space.

The City currently maintains:

- 5 Community Parks, 89 Acres
- 28 Neighborhood Parks, 135 Acres
- 29 Greenbelts, 175 Acres
- Streetscapes, 83 Acres
- 14,556 Street Trees
- 8,964 Park & Greenbelt Trees

Why is Measure H on the June 2018 Ballot for renewal?

The Parks Maintenance Tax, renewed by voters in 2012, sunsets in June 2018. The City Council has placed Measure H on the ballot to ask residents to renew the Parks Maintenance Tax.

What will happen if the Parks Maintenance Tax is not renewed?

If the Parks Maintenance Tax is not renewed in 2018, the City will need to determine how to reduce services and costs in response to the loss of approximately \$1.4 million. Ultimately, the decision of service level reductions will be decided by the City Council.

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