

RESOLUTION 2020-35

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EXETER
CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE
CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN
THE CITY OF EXETER ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020; INTRODUCING
ORDINANCE ENACTING A LOCAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE
ADMINISTRATION; AND ORDERING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE ORDINANCE TO
THE VOTERS AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION**

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WHEREAS, the proposed measure includes fiscal accountability provisions such as public disclosure of all spending and annual independent financial audits; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EXETER does hereby resolve as follows:

1. Calling Special Municipal Election: Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9222 and 10201, the City Council hereby orders that a special municipal election in and for the City of Exeter shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of approving a transaction and use (sales) tax measure. The full text of the Exeter Transaction and Use Tax Ordinance of 2020, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A shall be available to voters upon request made to the City Clerk. The measure to be submitted to the voters shall appear and be printed on the ballot as follows:

MEASURE P. City of Exeter Local Control/Essential Services Protection Measure. To protect Exeter's long-term financial stability; maintain 911 emergency response; keep the community safe; prevent crime; repair streets/potholes; help retain local businesses; keep public areas and parks clean/safe; support youth/ senior programs, and other general City services; shall the measure establishing a 1¢ sales tax providing approximately \$800,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring public disclosure of spending, audits, all funds used locally, be adopted? YES / NO

2. Introduction of Ordinance: The City Council hereby approves the Introduction of Ordinance 694-2020, the Exeter Transaction and Use Tax Ordinance of 2020, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, and approves submittal of such Ordinance to the voters of the City of Exeter. The proposed measure is a general tax as defined in Article XIIC of the California Constitution and shall not take effect unless and until approved by a vote of the Exeter City Council, and until a vote of at least a majority of the voters voting on the question at the election.

3. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9282, ballot arguments on this Measure may only be submitted by an individual voter eligible to vote on the Measure, a bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters or associations. The City Council, as individual members of the Council and as a body, are not authorized to file a written argument or any rebuttal argument for or against this Measure.

4. Impartial Analysis: The City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure pursuant to Elections Code Section 9280.

5. Requesting Consolidation of Elections: Pursuant to the State of California Elections Code Section 10400 – 10403.5, the City Council of the City of Exeter hereby requests the consolidation of the special municipal election described in Section 1 with the statewide general election to be held on November 3, 2020. Within the City of Exeter the election precincts, polling places, and voting booths shall in every case be the same, and there shall be only one set of election officers in each of the precincts; provided that no person not a qualified elector of the City of Exeter shall be permitted to vote for the measure placed on the ballot by the City Council.

The elections precincts, polling places, and election officers within the City of Exeter for the special municipal election shall be the same as those selected and designated by the Tulare County Registrar of Voters.

6. Requesting Tulare County to Render Election Services: The Board of Supervisors of Tulare County is hereby requested to permit the County Registrar of Voters to render services to the City of Exeter relating to the conduct of the November 3, 2020, Special Municipal Election as follows:

- a. Distribute and file all papers submitted in connection with the proposed ordinance.
- b. Make all required publications.
- c. Prepare, print and mail to the qualified electors of the City of Exeter sample ballots and voter pamphlets. Full text of the ballot measure will be made available upon request at the Exeter City Clerk's Office.
- d. Provide vote by mail ballots for said Municipal Election for use by the qualified electors who may be entitled to vote by mail ballots in the manner provided by law.
- e. Order consolidation of precincts, appoint precinct boards, designate polling places and instruct election officers concerning their duties.
- f. Conduct and canvass the returns of the election and certify the votes cast for the proposed measure.
- g. Receive and process Vote By Mail voter applications.
- h. Prepare, print and deliver to the polling places supplies, including the official ballots and a receipt for said supplies.
- i. Recount votes, if requested in accordance with State law.
- j. Conduct the above election duties in accordance with the Voting Rights Act of 1975.
- k. Perform all other pertinent services required to perform for said election other than the requirements of the Fair Political Practices Commission; said Fair Political Practices Commission requirements to be performed by the City Clerk.

The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Board of Supervisors and to the County Registrar of Voters.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 28th day of July 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Sally; Hails; Alves; and Waterman-Philpot
NOES: n/a
ABSTAIN: n/a
ABSENT: n/a

Mary Waterman Philpot
Mayor

ATTEST:
Skanna O'neal
City Clerk

ORDINANCE 694

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 3.22 TO TITLE 3 OF THE EXETER CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT (ONE CENT) LOCAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO MAINTAIN LOCAL CITY SERVICES INCLUDING POLICE, STREET MAINTENANCE, PARK MAINTENANCE, YOUTH RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OTHER SERVICES

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THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF EXETER DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. AMENDMENT OF CODE.

The City of Exeter Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by the addition of a new Chapter to Title 3 (Revenue and Finance) to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3.22 TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX

Sec. 3.22.010 Title.

This ordinance shall be known as the City of Exeter Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance of 2020.

Sec. 3.22.020 Definitions.

The following words and phrases shall be defined as set forth in this Ordinance, except that any term or phrase not defined in this Ordinance shall have the same meaning as that term or phrase is defined in Parts 1.6 and 1.7 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code:

- (a) "City" means City of Exeter.
- (b) "Operative date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this ordinance by vote of the electorate on November 3, 2020.
- (c) "Ordinance" means the City of Exeter Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance of 2020.
- (d) "State" means the State of California.

Sec. 3.22.030 Purpose.

This Chapter of the Exeter Code of Ordinances is adopted for the following (and among other) purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted liberally in order to accomplish all of its lawful purposes:

- (a) To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of California Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 7251 et seq., and Section 7285.9, which authorizes the City to adopt this Ordinance if a majority 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 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 State Board of Equalization/California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Transactions and Use Taxes.

(d) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will, to the degree possible consistent with the provisions of Parts 1.6 of Division 2 of the California 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 ordinance.

(e) To provide transactions and use tax revenue to the City to be used for the general governmental purposes of the City and with any transactions and use tax revenue received being placed into the City's general fund.

Sec. 3.22.040 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 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. 3.22.050 Transactions Tax Rate.

For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a transactions tax is imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the City at the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the gross receipts of the retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail within the territory of the City on and after the Operative Date of this Ordinance.

Sec. 3.22.060 Place of Sale.

For the purposes of this Ordinance, 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, or unless as otherwise required by applicable law. The gross receipts from the sale 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. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one 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 State.

Sec. 3.22.070 Use Tax Rate.

An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use, or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on or after the Operative Date of this Ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in said territory of the City at the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to State transactions or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

Sec. 3.22.080 Adoption of Provisions of State Law.

Except as hereinafter provided, and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Parts 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 adopted, incorporated and made a part of this Ordinance as though fully set forth in it.

Sec. 3.22.090 Limitations on Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes.

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

(a) Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of the City of Exeter shall be substituted. 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 Equalization (or refers to the 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 the City or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the State Board of Equalization/ California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this Ordinance;

(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:

A. 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 remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or;

B. 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 California 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.

Sec. 3.22.100 Permit Not Required.

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

Sec. 3.22.110 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 paragraph, delivery to a point outside the City shall be satisfied:

A. 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 Chapter 2 of 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

B. 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 this Ordinance.

(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 this Ordinance.

(5) For the purposes of subparagraphs (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 are exempted from the use tax imposed by this Ordinance, 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 this Ordinance.

(4) If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is 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 this Ordinance.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (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 subparagraph (7), 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 Ordinance 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. 3.22.120 Amendments.

All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this Ordinance to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become adopted and a part of this Ordinance without further action of the City Council of the City of Exeter or the City's electorate, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this Ordinance. The City Council may amend this Ordinance to comply with applicable law or as may be otherwise necessary in order to further the Ordinance's stated purposes.

Sec. 3.22.130 Prohibition on Enjoining Collection.

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 Ordinance, 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 under this Ordinance.

Sec. 3.22.140 Severability.

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

Sec. 3.22.150 Effective Date.

This Ordinance relates to the levying and collection of the City's transactions and use taxes and shall become effective only if approved by a majority of the voters voting on the measure at the November 3, 2020, Special Municipal Election. The Operative Date of this Ordinance shall then be as defined in Section 3.22.020(b).

Sec. 22-9.16. Accountability and Oversight.

This ordinance authorizes the City Council to form a Transactions and Use Tax Oversight Committee, to act as an independent citizen's oversight committee for the expenditure of tax revenue collected. The Committee's specific responsibilities shall be established by Resolution of the City Council.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

Any provision of the Exeter Code of Ordinances or appendices thereto inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, is hereby repealed or modified to that extent necessary to effect the provisions of this Ordinance, except that any existing, duly adopted transactions and use tax existing as of the date of adoption of this Ordinance shall remain in effect and the transactions and use tax imposed by this Ordinance shall be additive thereto.

APPROVED by the following vote of the People of the City of Exeter on November 3, 2020:

ADOPTED by Declaration of the vote by the City Council of the City of Exeter on _____ day of _____ 2020, by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY

MEASURE P

CITY OF EXETER LOCAL CONTROL/ESSENTIAL SERVICES PROTECTION MEASURE

The City of Exeter Local Control/Essential Services Protection Measure would institute a 1% (one cent) increase to the Transactions and Use Tax (commonly known as sales tax) levied on transactions within the City of Exeter, and approve an ordinance adding Chapter 3.22 to Title 3 of the Exeter Code of Ordinances. The tax would be paid in addition to the current state and local sales taxes and would be collected at the same time and in the same manner as existing sales taxes. If approved by the voters, the sales tax will become effective no sooner than April 1, 2021, and will be effective until repealed by a duly enacted ordinance.

The uses of the funds generated by the Measure are not specified, and it is therefore a general tax, subject to approval by a simple majority of the voters. California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.9 authorizes the City to levy or increase a transactions and use (sales) tax as provided above. The revenues derived from the sales tax will be available for any and all governmental purposes, will be controlled by the City, and will not be able to be spent by the State or County. The proceeds will be available to pay for essential city services such as 911 emergency response, crime prevention, keeping parks and public areas clean, and repairing the City's aging streets and roads.

The ordinance approved by this measure includes fiscal accountability provisions such as public disclosure of all spending and annual financial audits, and authorization to create an independent citizen's oversight committee for the expenditure of all funds collected by the Measure.



Exeter City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure P. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the City Clerk's office at (559)592-9244, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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SIGNATURE STATEMENT

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(Elections Code Section 9600)

The following statement, to be signed by each author of the argument, shall accompany all arguments concerning measures filed, pursuant to Division 9 of the Elections Code. Names and titles listed will be printed in the Voter's Information pamphlet in order provided below and will appear as indicated below.

"The undersigned author(s) of the:

- Argument in favor of
- Argument against
- Rebuttal to the argument in favor of
- Rebuttal to the argument against

ballot measure P at the GENERAL
(letter) (Type of election: primary, general, consolidated, special)

election for the CITY OF EXETER
(Jurisdiction - name of district)

to be held on NOVEMBER 3, 2020 hereby state that such argument
(election date)

is true and correct to the best of HER knowledge and belief."
(his/her/their)

ARGUMENT/REBUTTAL FILED BY (check any of the following that apply):

Board of Supervisors or Governing Board
 Contact Person's Printed Name: _____
 Contact Person's Signature: _____
 Title: _____
 Phone: _____ FAX: _____
 E-Mail: _____

Bona Fide Association of Citizens or Filers of Special District Initiative
 Contact Person's Printed Name: _____
 Contact Person's Signature: _____
 Title: _____
 Phone: _____ FAX: _____
 E-Mail: _____

Individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure
 Contact Person's Printed Name: PATRICIA THOMPSON
 Contact Person's Signature: [Signature]
 Title: EXETER HOMEOWNER AND RESIDENT
 Phone: 559.592.3447 FAX: —
 E-Mail: g.p.thompson.davis@gmail.com

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Check one of the following & record letter of measure: District Name: CITY OF EXETER

Argument in Favor of Measure P

Argument Against Measure _____

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure _____

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure _____

The signatures of the following persons will be printed as submitted below following the argument or rebuttal:

Signature	PRINT NAME As it will appear in the Voter's Information Pamphlet	PRINT TITLE AND NAME OF ASSOCIATION (If Applicable) as it will appear in the Voter's Information Pamphlet.	Are you signing on behalf of an association? YES or NO*	DATE
<i>PT Thompson</i>	PATRICIA THOMPSON	EXETER HOMEOWNER	NO	AUG. 20/20

*If the argument of rebuttal is being signed by a principal officer on behalf of the association that is supporting or opposing the measure, the name of the association will appear on the first line, followed by the principal officer's name and title on the second line as the example illustrates:

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Patricia Thompson
Exeter homeowner

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