



CHOWCHILLA 911, FIRE, PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURE N REAUTHORIZATION.

BALLOT QUESTION

To prevent violent crimes and losing experienced Chowchilla police officers; maintain 911 police, fire, emergency medical response times; provide firefighter training; prevent cuts to fire protection equipment/fire engines; maintain safe parks; and other safety services, shall a measure be adopted to reauthorize Chowchilla's Measure N 1¢ sales tax, providing \$2,500,000 annually only for Chowchilla, until ended by voters, without raising tax rates and continuing oversight/audits?

Yes No



ORDINANCE NO. 523-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHOWCHILLA, IN THE COUNTY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 3.13 TO THE CHOWCHILLA MUNICIPAL CODE REENACTING AND IMPOSING THE EXISTING PUBLIC SAFETY TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, Pursuant to its right, power and authority under the laws of the State of California and the Municipal Code of the City of Chowchilla, the City Council of the City of Chowchilla approved a Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax, which was approved by a 2/3 majority of voters at the November 6, 2018 election ("Measure N") to prevent the loss of public safety services; and

WHEREAS, Measure N established a special tax as defined under Article XIIIC of the Constitution of the State of California, imposing an additional Transaction and Use Tax to be collected by the Department of Tax and Fee Administration at a rate of 1.0%; and

WHEREAS, Measure N allowed the City to maintain public safety services, gang prevention, youth services, violent crime prevention, property crime prevention, drug enforcement and response services and emergency response times; and

WHEREAS, unless the voters approve the Measure N Extension Measure, the temporary Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax will sunset on March 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, without continued revenue generated by the Measure N Extension Measure the City cannot maintain current levels of public safety, gang prevention, youth services, violent crime prevention, property crime prevention, drug enforcement and response services; and

WHEREAS, the Measure N Extension Measure would ensure fiscal accountability through a Citizen's Oversight Committee and annual independent audits; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting on June 25, 2024, the City Council determined to place a measure before the voters at the November 5, 2024 general election for the extension of the special transactions and use tax (Measure N).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHOWCHILLA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:



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SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. Chapter 3.13, entitled "Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax" is amended to reference both the transactions and use tax adopted in 2018 pursuant to Measure N and the extension of that transactions and use tax approved by the City Council in 2024 for consideration by the voters on November 5, 2024 to read as follows:

Chapter 3.13

Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax

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- **3.13.010 Title**. This chapter shall be known as the City of Chowchilla "Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax." The provisions of this chapter shall be applicable throughout the entire incorporated area of the City of Chowchilla.
- **3.13.020 Definitions**. As used in this chapter, "City" means the City of Chowchilla. "Tax" means the transactions and use taxes imposed under the provisions of this chapter. "Tax Revenue" and "Tax Revenues" mean all proceeds of the tax received by the City from the California State Department of Tax and Fee Administration pursuant to this chapter. "California State Department of Tax and Fee Administration" means the Department of Tax and Fee Administration of the government of the State of California that is responsible for administering California's state, local, and district sales and use tax programs.
- **3.13.030 Operative Date**. As to Ordinance 493-18 adopted by the Chowchilla voters on November 6, 2018, "Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the ordinance was effective, which was December 11, 2018.



As to the extension of the transactions and use tax pursuant to Ordinance 523-24 approved by the Chowchilla voters on November 5, 2024, the "Operative Date" is April 1, 2027.

3.13.040 Purpose. The purpose of this Chapter is to continue the transactions and use tax, which was initially enacted pursuant to Ordinance 493-18 and approved by the electorate on November 6, 2018, at the rates set forth below until repealed by the voters as follows:

A) To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; and Section 7285.91 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code which authorize the City of Chowchilla to adopt this tax ordinance, that shall be effective following a 2/3 majority of the duly authorized voters of the City of Chowchilla vote to approve a measure calling for the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.

B) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates the 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 of Part 1.6, Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

C) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a 1% tax and providing a measure therefor that can be administered and collected by the State Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself fully as practicable to, and requires the least deviation from existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the State Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

D) To adopt a retail transaction and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner consistent, to the greatest degree possible, with the provisions of Part 1.6 Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; minimizing the costs associated with collection of the transactions and use taxes, and simultaneously minimizing the recordkeeping burdens of persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

- **3.13.050 Transactions Tax Rate**. Commencing on the Operative Date, pursuant to Measure N approved by the voters in 2018, 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 percent (1.0%) of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the Operative Date. Pursuant to the ballot measure approved by the voters on November 5, 2024, as of April 1, 2027, such tax shall continue to be imposed at a rate of one percent (1.0%) until repealed by voters.
- **3.13.060 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. 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. 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 by the rules and regulations prescribed and adopted by the California State Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

- **3.13.070** Use Tax Rate. Commencing on the Operative Date, pursuant to Measure N approved by the voters in 2018, 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 and after the Operative Date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption within the 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 sales or use taxes regardless of the place to which delivery is made. Pursuant to the ballot measure approved by the voters on November 5, 2024, as of April 1, 2027, such tax shall continue to be imposed at a rate of one percent (1.0%) until repealed by voters.
- **3.13.080** Adoption of Provisions of State Law. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as if fully set forth herein.
- **3.13.090** Limitations on Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes. In adopting the provisions of Part 1 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 the City shall be substituted therefore. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1) The word "State is used as part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Board of Control, State Board of Equalization, Department of Tax and Fee Administration, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California.

2) The result 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 State 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 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 said provision of that Code.

4) In Sections 6701, 6702 (except 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 for that phrase in Section 6203.

3.13.100 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 ordinance.

3.13.110 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 California 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,



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 in 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 for 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 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 the lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5) For the purposes of subparagraphs 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, and 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 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.

3.13.120 Permissible Uses, Citizen Oversight Committee.

A) Revenues received by the City from the Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax may only be used to provide support for public safety purposes. Funding with tax revenues of all other uses and purposes, except as provided in this section is prohibited.

Permissible uses include, but are not limited to the following:

1) Police

- a) Police patrol services;
- b) Police traffic control services;

c) Drug and Gang enforcement and prevention services, school resource services, youth outreach, crime prevention and investigations services, and anti-gang and anti-drug mitigation programs;

d) Comprehensive programs that mitigate against methamphetamine use, eliminate methamphetamine labs and reducing methamphetamine use for youths



d) Police support services, including but not limited to: recruitment of new and retention of existing civilian staff, facilities, vehicles, equipment, supplies and the financing thereof;

e) Competitive salary, retention and benefit compensation for police personnel;

f) Funding new police department personnel

g) Construction of police facilities and relocation (including but not limited to land acquisition, facilities design and engineering, construction and funding for the use of temporary facilities, and the financing thereof.

2) Fire

a) Construction of fire facilities and relocation (including but not limited to land acquisition, facilities design and engineering, construction and funding for the use of temporary facilities, and the financing thereof.

b) Fire Department support services, including but not limited to: recruitment of new and retention of existing staff, facilities, vehicles, equipment, supplies and the financing thereof;

c) Purchase of specialized equipment for Fire Department;

d) Competitive salary, retention and benefit compensation for Fire personnel;

e) Maintaining 9-1-1 fire and medical emergency response times;

f) ensuring that all fire stations are fully staffed

g) Supporting comprehensive fire prevention programs

h) funding new fire personnel

B) The tax revenues received by the City shall be reviewed and allocated on a percentage basis annually following the recommendation of the Citizen's Oversight Committee and approval of the City Council and shall thereafter be expended for purposes as specified in Subsection A) 1) and subsection A) 2) of this section.

C) Funding may not be below the actual revenues received from the tax, and tax revenues shall not be used to replace or supplant expenditures or programs that are funded by the City's General Fund unless the City Council finds that preservation of public safety requires the expenditure and there is no other feasible alternative for funding the expenditure. The City shall continue to fund public safety (Police and Fire), from the City's General Fund at the same dollar value as existed in fiscal year 2018-2019 for each year that the Public Safety Transaction and Use Tax is in effect, provided that revenue estimates continue at the 2018-2019 level, in which case funds from the tax could be used to maintain existing service levels.

D) The City Council, by resolution, shall establish a five-member Citizen's Oversight Committee to annually review expenditures and appropriations of the tax revenues to ensure that all such revenues are spent or appropriated for the purposes and uses set forth in paragraphs A) and C), in accordance with the allocation percentages set forth in paragraph B). The Citizens Oversight Committee shall also be authorized to



make recommendations to the City Council regarding the allocation percentages set forth in paragraph B). Each member of the Council shall appoint one member of the Committee who shall have a term coinciding with the term of the appointing Council Member. Each Committee member shall be a resident of the City at the time of appointment and shall remain a resident of the City while serving on the Committee. The Mayor shall appoint the chairperson of the Committee subject to the approval of the majority of the Council. The Committee shall receive the assistance of City staff and shall issue an annual public report on the expenditures and appropriations of the tax revenues. The Committee shall undertake such additional duties as the City Council may designate.

3.13.130 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 Pal1 1.7 of division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this ordinance, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this chapter.

3.13.140 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 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.

3.13.150 Severability.

If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof 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.

3.13.160 Contract With State.

Prior to the operative date, the City shall contract with the State Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance; provided that, if the City shall not have contracted with the State 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 execution of such a contract.

3.13.170 Termination Date.

The authority to levy the tax imposed by this Chapter, at the rates set forth in Sections 3.13.050 and 3.13.070 shall not expire until repealed by voters.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective following approval of Measure N. ("Measure N Extension Measure") by at least 2/3 of the voters of the City voting thereon in the November 2018 General Election and



no sooner than thirty (30) days following adoption by the majority vote of the City Council of the City of Chowchilla.

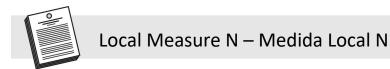
PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024

Kelly Smith, Mayor

Joann McClendon, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mary Lerner, City Attorney



I, Joann McClendon, City Clerk of the City of Chowchilla, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance number 524-24 was duly introduced for first reading on July 23, 2024 and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Chowchilla on December 10, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Chowchilla on this _____ day of ______, 2024.

Joann McClendon, City Clerk

SEAL



CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE N

Measure N, placed on the ballot by the City Council of Chowchilla, is asking voters to approve the reenactment of the existing Measure N, which established a one percent (1%) transactions and use tax, enacted specifically to raise revenue for public safety purposes within the City. The measure seeks to eliminate the expiration date attached to the current tax, ensuring it will continue until repealed by voters.

Originally approved by voters in 2018, Measure N created a dedicated funding source for Chowchilla's public safety services. This funding has supported police patrols, drug and gang prevention, competitive compensation for police and fire personnel, recruitment and retention of staff, construction and maintenance of police and fire facilities, acquisition of specialized fire department equipment and comprehensive fire prevention programs.

If reenacted, the existing Measure N tax will continue to be collected as it has been since 2018 and the current use restrictions on the tax proceeds will remain in place. Oversight will continue to be managed by a five-member Citizens' Oversight Committee, consisting of City residents, who review annual expenditures of the tax revenues and issue an annual public report to ensure transparency and accountability.

Furthermore, the measure mandates that new tax proceeds supplement the City's current general fund expenditures, maintaining 44% to 48% of the General Fund Operating budget for public safety. This strategy is designed to provide sustained support for vital services that are essential for maintaining and enhancing current public safety service levels. Reenactment of Measure N ensures that Chowchilla can continue to attract and retain qualified police and fire personnel, maintain effective emergency response times, and support ongoing public safety initiatives without interruption.

The inclusion of the Citizens' Oversight Committee and mandatory annual reporting provides a layer of fiscal oversight, ensuring that the funds are used appropriately and transparently. The measure includes stringent provisions to prevent the diversion of these funds for purposes other than those specified. Importantly, Measure N does not propose an increase in the current tax rate but continues the existing sales tax approved by voters in 2018.

Voters are asked to decide whether to reenact Measure N, thereby providing a continuous and dedicated funding source for public safety in Chowchilla without increasing the current tax rate. Approval of this measure would ensure that the one percent (1%) transactions and use tax will remain in effect until repealed by voters, ensuring ongoing financial support for essential public safety services and maintaining the accountability measures currently in place. As set forth in the California Constitution, approval of this measure requires an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of those voting on the measure.

/s/ Robert Lomeli Chowchilla City Attorney



Argument in favor of Measure N	Argument against Measure N
Vote YES on N – Keep Chowchilla safe! Prevent devastating cuts to Chowchilla's police, fire and paramedic services – without increasing taxes!	
Over the last 15 years, Sacramento politicians have grabbed millions of dollars from small cities, including Chowchilla. Now is the time to tell these out-of-town politicians: ENOUGH!	
YES on N reauthorizes funding Chowchilla voters previously approved, and protects LOCAL CONTROL over our public safety money. By law, every dime of Measure N is legally required to be spent in Chowchilla for our <u>911, Police, and Fire services</u> .	
YES on N supports our volunteer Fire Department's fire protection and emergency medical response services. YES on N helps our amazing volunteer firefighter team hire the professional, full-time firefighters Chowchilla needs to keep us safe.	
YES on N maintains 911 Fire, Medical, and Police emergency response times.	
YES on N continues violent crime prevention and investigation.	
YES on N prevents cuts to essential fire protection equipment, including fire engines.	
YES on N prevents cuts to on-duty police officers.	No argument against this measure was submitted.
YES on N maintains the safety of neighborhood parks and recreation areas.	
Without Measure N, Chowchilla will lose money used to investigate drug dealing and elder abuse. And with Sacramento cutting funding for these services, YES on N makes sure criminals are prosecuted and justice is served!	
Here's what Measure N is NOT: – Measure N is NOT a tax increase. – Measure N is NOT a tax on your home or property.	
YES on N continues tough FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY regulations: independent citizens' oversight, public spending reports, and annual independent financial audits.	
By law, Measure N can only be spent for Chowchilla's police and fire services – not for any other purpose.	
Join Chowchilla firefighters, police officers, business and neighborhood leaders, and a unanimous City Council in voting YES on N , to Keep Chowchilla Safe!	
Official information: www.cityofchowchilla.org	
Wilmer Inzunza Member, Chowchilla Police Officers Association	
Michael Breshears Vice President, Chowchilla Firefighters Union Association	
Dillon Haworth Executive Director, Chowchilla Chamber of Commerce	
Brian Esteves Chair, Chowchilla Measure N Citizens Oversight Committee	
Richard Walker Pastor, The Full Gospel Truth Church and Former Chowchilla City Councilmember	