



Measure O – Factual Overview

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What is Measure O?

Measure O is a measure specific to Lindsay on the June 6, 2017 election ballot. It proposes an increase of 1% (one penny per dollar) to the sales tax rate to maintain public safety, infrastructure and general services in the City of Lindsay.

Is this measure necessary to maintain public safety, infrastructure and general services, or could the City cut costs elsewhere to fund essential services?

The measure is necessary to maintain essential services. To stretch every tax dollar as far as possible, the City has already:

- Postponed replacement of aging fire trucks, police vehicles and equipment.
- Reduced public safety and code enforcement services.
- Consolidated departments and reduced staffing.
- Funded small electric vehicles through grants.
- Refunded (refinanced) debt to lower costs.
- Negotiated better long-term debt terms.
- Postponed infrastructure repairs.
- Reduced training costs.

What does a YES vote mean?

A YES vote supports the measure. It would take effect on October 1, 2017.

What are the consequences of a YES vote?

The sales tax rate in Lindsay would increase by 1% to:

- Hire, equip and train new public safety and code enforcement officers.
- Replace aging, second-hand public safety vehicles and equipment.
- Better protect and serve residents of and visitors to the City.
- Provide dependable revenue the State cannot take away.
- Perform repairs to damaged or aging infrastructure.
- Maintain other essential public services.

What does a NO vote mean?

A NO vote does not support the measure.

What are the consequences of a NO vote?

City Council would determine which public safety, general fund infrastructure maintenance projects and general services to prioritize, postpone, outsource and/or eliminate through the budgeting process.