

RESOLUTION NO. 24-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES AND FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS A QUESTION RELATING TO LOCAL SERVICES TAX MEASURE

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the laws relating to general law cities in the State of California, a General Municipal Election shall be held on November 5, 2024, for the election of Municipal Officers; and,

WHEREAS, in November of 2016 Ridgecrest residents voted to approve a 1% transaction and use tax, which will lapse by its own terms at the end of 2024; and,

WHEREAS, continued local funding is needed to prevent cuts and maintain City of Ridgecrest services, including fixing city streets and potholes, 9-1-1 emergency response times, crime prevention and investigation, neighborhood police patrols, and the number of current number of police officers; and,

WHEREAS, continued local funding is needed to maintain current levels of public safety and police services, including neighborhood patrols, crime prevention and investigation programs, and 9-1-1 response times; and,

WHEREAS, existing, voter-approved local funding has helped repair major streets and fix potholes in Ridgecrest and is needed to continue the work to repair neighborhood streets and fix potholes; and,

WHEREAS, the previously adopted local sales tax will expire under its own terms; and,

WHEREAS, on October 6, 1997, Assembly Bill 1472 became law adding Chapter 2.93 commencing with Section 7286.52 to Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; and,

WHEREAS, California Constitution Article XIII C Section 2(b) added by Proposition 218 effective November 1996, requires that a measure proposing a general tax be submitted to the voters at an election consolidated with a regularly scheduled general election for members of the governing body of the local government; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII C Section 2(b) and Elections Code Section 10201, the City also desires to submit to the electors at the General Election a measure to enact an ordinance establishing a transactions and use tax.

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Clerk of the City of Ridgecrest, Calif.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Call for General Municipal Election: Pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to General Law Cities, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Ridgecrest, California, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing one Mayor for a term of two years and two Members of the City Council, each for the full term of four years.

SECTION 2. The City Council, pursuant to its right and authority, does submit to the voters at the General Municipal Election the following question:

<p>"Ridgecrest Public Safety and Essential Services Reauthorization Measure. To prevent cuts/ maintain City of Ridgecrest services, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• repair potholes/ city streets;• 9-1-1 emergency/ medical response times;• neighborhood police patrols;• attract/ retain local business/ jobs; and• for general government use, <p>shall the City of Ridgecrest measure reauthorizing a previously voter approved 1¢ sales tax with no tax increase, providing \$6,500,000 annually, until ended by voters, with independent oversight/ audits, all funds for City of Ridgecrest, no funds for Sacramento, be adopted?"</p>	YES
	NO

SECTION 3. The vote requirement for the measure to pass is a majority (50% + 1) of the votes cast.

SECTION 4. Ballots: The ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law.

SECTION 5. Coordination: The City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to coordinate with the County of Kern Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

SECTION 6. Vote Centers: The vote centers for the election shall be open at 7:00 A.M. of the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8:00 P.M. of the same day when the vote centers shall be closed, pursuant to Election Code § 10242, except as provided in §§ 14212, 14401 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

SECTION 7. General: In all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law governing municipal elections.

SECTION 8. Notice: Notice of the time and place of holding the election is hereby given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 9. Authorization for Payment: The City Council authorizes the City Clerk to administer said election and authorizes all reasonable and actual election expenses to be paid by the City upon presentation of a properly-submitted bill.

SECTION 10. Certification: The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and shall enter the same in the Book of Original Resolutions.

APPROVED and PASSED this 17th day of July, 2024.

City of Ridgecrest, California

BY:

ERIC A. BRUEN, Mayor

ATTEST:

RICCA CHARLON, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Ricca Charlton, Chief City Clerk of the City of Ridgecrest, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 24-53 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of July, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Bruen, Blades, Rajaratnam, Hayman, Gorman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Dated: July 17, 2024

RICCA CHARLON, Chief City Clerk