

RESOLUTION NO. 88-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST PROPOSING A SPECIAL TAX (PARK IMPROVEMENT), CALL A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO CONSIDER THE TAX, ORDERING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE ELECTION WITH THE STATE-WIDE GENERAL ELECTION AND MAKING OTHER DETERMINATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE ELECTION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST RESOLVES as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Scope

Government Code §§ 50075 et seq permit the City to adopt a special tax subject to approval by 2/3's of those voting at an election to consider the tax. The City desires to adopt a special tax subject to such voter approval to finance park improvements. This resolution adopts the special tax and calls an election for the voters to consider the tax. This resolution also enacts several incidental measures relating to the conduct of the election.

Section 2. Special Tax: Park Improvement

(a) Subject to approval by 2/3's of those voting at a municipal election, there is hereby proposed a special tax as follows:

The special tax shall be \$40.00 or less per dwelling unit per year. The proceeds of the levy shall be deposited in a special fund. Expenditures from the fund shall be solely to pay for the cost of park improvements, including land acquisition, construction and maintenance of park improvements and park operations.

(b) In all particulars not set forth herein, the special tax shall be collected in the same manner and subject to the same penalty as, or with, other charges and taxes fixed and collected by the County on behalf of the City. The County may deduct its reasonable costs incurred for the service before remittal of the balance to the City.

Section 3. Election

(a) A municipal election shall be held on November 8, 1988, to consider the following measure:

"Shall the City of Ridgecrest be authorized to levy and collect a special tax at the rate of \$40.0 or less, per dwelling unit, per year solely to finance the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of City parks?"

(b) The measure shall be approved if 2/3's of those voting approve the measure.

(c) The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of this ballot measure. Arguments for or against the measure shall be submitted on or before July 21, 1988. Rebuttal arguments shall not be permitted. Each argument shall not exceed 300 words in length. If more than one argument is submitted, the City Clerk shall select the argument which will be included as a part of the ballot.

Section 4. Consolidation

Pursuant to Elections Code §23302, the Board of Supervisors of Kern County is hereby requested to consolidate this election with the general state-wide election and perform all election services in connection, including the canvas of election results. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election and only one form of ballot shall be used. The City shall reimburse the County for all additional costs incurred by the County as a result of consolidation.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of June, 1988, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Mower, Councilmembers Bergens, Condos and Lilly.

NOES: None.

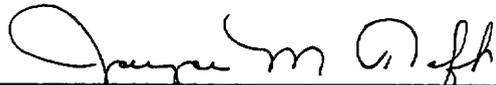
ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Corlett.



Michael R. Mower, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joyce M. Taft, City Clerk

(SEAL)

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS -
SPECIAL TAX FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The following analysis has been prepared by the Ridgecrest City Attorney in accordance with Elections Code § 5011.

Measure Y will allow the City to levy and collect a special tax of \$40.00 per dwelling unit per year solely to finance the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of City parks. A "dwelling unit" is defined as one or more rooms, with facilities for living, sleeping, cooking and eating designed for occupancy by one-family and shall include bachelor or efficiency units. The measure requires approval by 2/3's of those voting in order to pass.

At the current number of parcels and lots, this tax will generate approximately \$426,800.00 annually. All proceeds will be deposited in a special fund. The proceeds will be expended only to acquire land for City parks, construct and maintain City park improvements and operate City parks.

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