

RESOLUTION NO. 98-63

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY
COUNCIL CALLING AN ELECTION TO
CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A
GENERAL TAX MEASURE**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
RIDGECREST as follows:**

Section 1. Purpose and Scope.

The City Council wishes to consider a general tax measure. This resolution describes the proposal and calls an election to consider the measure.

Section 2. Utility Tax.

A Utility Tax in the amount of 2% of the charges imposed for electrical, natural gas, telephone, and water service is proposed for a term of 2 years. For convenience, this proposed tax shall be referred to as "Measure 'A'". This tax shall be collected by every entity supplying utility service to retail customers within the City. The utility shall be reimbursed for actual, reasonable expenses incurred in the collection and remittance of the tax. The proceeds of this tax shall be deposited in the general fund of the City and used for lawful municipal purposes.

Section 3. Municipal Election.

- (a) An election is called to consider the following measure:
- (1) Measure "A": "Shall the City of Ridgecrest be authorized to levy a General Tax at the rate of 2% on utility sales to retail customers for a term of two years?"
- (b) The election shall be consolidated with the General Election to be held on November 3, 1998. The County Clerk is requested to prepare and furnish to the City material, equipment and services necessary for the conduct of the elections. The County shall be paid for the materials, equipment and services rendered.

Ballot arguments and an impartial ballot not to exceed 250 words each in length are hereby authorized. The City Administrator is authorized to submit a ballot argument in favor of the measure.

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The City Clerk shall select an argument against the measure if more than one argument is submitted against the measure. The City Attorney shall submit an impartial ballot analysis. The arguments pro and con and the impartial analysis shall be included in the materials submitted to voters.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 1998, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Auld, Carter, and Morgan

NOES: Mayor Lalor

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None


William R. Lalor, Mayor

ATTEST:


John I. Sterling
City Clerk