

MEASURE U GROSS RECEIPTS TAX

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Overview

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- Contract with Management Partners

Background



- City has structurally unbalanced budget
- Focus on increasing revenue and reducing expenditures
- Polling on revenue measures completed in June 2020
- Brought draft options to City Council on July 21st and July 28th, 2020
- Outreach to business community
- Special Council meeting on August 5, 2020
- November 3rd Ballot Measure



Voter Approved Model

Industry	\$0-\$1 Million	\$1M-\$2.5M	\$2.5M-\$25M	\$25M-\$50M	\$50M+
Retail Sales	0.12%	0.16%	0.20%	0.24%	0.32%
Grocers	0.06%	0.10%	0.13%	0.15%	0.20%
Automobile Sales, Manufacturing	0.12%	0.22%	0.31%	0.41%	0.50%
Recreation and Entertainment	0.45%	0.46%	0.47%	0.48%	0.50%
Hotel/motel	0.18%	0.28%	0.38%	0.48%	0.50%
Construction contractor	0.18%	0.21%	0.24%	0.27%	0.30%
Business and personal services	0.18%	0.27%	0.36%	0.50%	0.54%
Professional/semi-professional service	0.36%	0.41%	0.45%	0.50%	0.68%
Administrative headquarters (payroll based, not gross receipts)	0.12%	0.15%	0.19%	0.22%	0.24%
Miscellaneous	0.24%	0.31%	0.38%	0.45%	0.48%
Residential Rentals	1.081% if 4 properties or less and 2.880% if 5 properties or more				
Commercial Rentals	1.08%				
Firearms Ammunition	2.40%				
Taxi and limousine service	\$75 for each ambulance or limousine and \$180 for each taxicab permit				
Transportation, trucking	Tax based on current employee total				
Cannabis (Medical)	5.00%				
Cannabis (Non-Medical)	5.00%				



Update

- Meetings with Business Coalition
 - Council of Industries and Chamber of Commerce
 - Feedback from COI and COC is being reviewed by staff including City Attorney's office and will help in developing certain policies and clarifying definitions
- Researching other cities
 - Staff is reviewing what other cities with Gross Receipts Ordinances are doing
 - Use to create a Frequently Asked Question Section
- Reviewing overall policies and procedures

Measure U Implementation

- Complex Ordinance
 - Uniqueness adds to the complexity
- Technical Expertise Needed
 - Review Internal and External Processes and Policies
- More time needed to do it right the first time
- Database management
- Working with consultant to create policies and procedures



Measure U Implementation

- Council approved implementation date change from July 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022
- Change will allow City more time to:
 - Do more outreach with stakeholders
 - Set up policies
 - Clarify definitions
 - Look at software needs
 - Analyze staffing needs
 - Scrub the database
 - Opportunity to review all procedures and processes
- Revenue received in Fiscal Year 2021-22

Contract with Management Partners

Contract Scope of Services Includes

- Conduct Interviews, Surveys and Focus Groups
- Perform Financial Modeling and Case Study Research
- Develop and Review Process Maps
- Analyze Results and Develop Recommendations
- Develop Administrative Policies, Regulations and Business/Staffing Plan
- Assist Staff with Developing and Acquiring Necessary Information Technology

Questions? Thank you



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