

RESOLUTION 7552

A RESOLUTION OF THE SEAL BEACH CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN ORDINANCE AND ORDERING THAT A MEASURE BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, TO INCREASE BY .5% THE LOCAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX FROM 1% TO 1.5%, WITH THE TAX CONTINUING TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the City of Seal Beach desires to maintain its high standards for general municipal services provided to Seal Beach residents, businesses, and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, last year, there were over 700 thefts, burglaries, robberies, and auto thefts in the City of Seal Beach, which is the highest recorded number in five years; and,

WHEREAS, the City must maintain funding for public safety and community policing efforts to keep residents and their property safe; and,

WHEREAS, the City must have a reliable source of local funds to maintain police response and help prevent property crimes and retail thefts; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 75% of all calls to the Orange County Fire Authority that serves the City to date have been related to medical emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, the City must be able to fund firefighters, paramedics, and lifesaving equipment required to maintain optimal emergency response times and save lives; and,

WHEREAS, the City needs a reliable local funding source to keep public areas and beaches clean and safe and protect local drinking water sources; and,

WHEREAS, the State imposes expensive regulations and bureaucracy which divert funding and local tax revenue from our City, so we must ensure as much of our local revenue as possible is spent for Seal Beach, providing greater local control of City services that cannot be taken by Sacramento; and,

WHEREAS, additional sources of local revenue will help the City maintain local control over its revenue and promote fiscal sustainability; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council proposes to submit to the voters of the City an Ordinance to increase the rate of the City of Seal Beach's local transactions and use tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAL BEACH DOES HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, ORDERS AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The facts set forth in the recitals of this Resolution are true and correct and establish the factual basis for the City Council's adoption of this Resolution.
- Section 2. Section 7285.9 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code authorizes any city to levy, increase, or extend a transactions and use tax for general purposes at a rate of 0.125 percent, or a multiple thereof, subject to approval by a majority of the qualified voters of the City voting in an election on the issue.
- Section 3. By Ordinance 1711, adopted on June 10, 2024, the City Council has previously called and given notice of the General Municipal Election to be held in the City on November 5, 2024, and by Resolution 7526 ordered that such General Municipal Election be consolidated with the statewide general election conducted on the same date. Pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 9222 and 10201, the City Council hereby orders that at the said election, an increase to the rate of the City of Seal Beach's Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance be submitted to the voters for consideration. The full text of the Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference. The measure to be submitted to the voters shall appear and be printed on the ballot as follows:

City of Seal Beach Services Measure	
Shall the measure funding City of Seal Beach general services such as maintaining 911 medical emergency/police/fire response, helping prevent property crimes/retail thefts; keeping public areas/beaches safe/clean; helping protect local water quality; reducing risk of flooding; retaining/supporting local businesses; addressing homelessness; repairing streets/potholes; by establishing a ½¢ sales tax providing approximately \$3,000,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring audits, public spending disclosure, all funds spent for Seal Beach, be adopted?	YES
	NO

- Section 4. The City Council hereby approves the proposed Seal Beach Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, to be submitted to the voters. The proposed measure is a general tax, as defined in Article XIIC of the California Constitution, to be increased by .5%, from the rate of 1% to a rate of 1.5% on transactions and uses in the City as defined in the Ordinance, to be collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. The Ordinance shall not take effect unless and until approved by a vote of at least a majority of voters voting on the question at the election.
- Section 5. The City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure pursuant to Elections Code Section 9280.

- Section 6. The City Council as a body will not file a written argument for or against the measure.
- Section 7. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections. All persons qualified and registered to vote in the City of Seal Beach as of the date of such election shall be entitled to vote.
- Section 8. Notice of the time and place of holding the General Municipal Election is hereby given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in the time, form and manner as required by law, and to publish a synopsis of the measure as required by law.
- Section 9. The City Clerk is hereby directed to submit a complete certified copy of this Resolution to the Orange County Registrar of Voters Office and to the Orange County Board of Supervisors.
- Section 10. The Mayor shall sign, and the City Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Seal Beach City Council at the regular meeting held on the 22nd day of July 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Kalmick, Moore, Steele, Landau, Sustarsic

NOES: Council Members _____

ABSENT: Council Members _____

ABSTAIN: Council Members _____

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ATTEST:

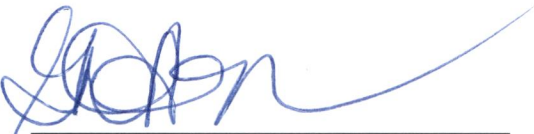
Gloria D. Harper

Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk



STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS
CITY OF SEAL BEACH }

I, Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk of the City of Seal Beach, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original copy of Resolution 7552 on file in the office of the City Clerk, passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on the 22nd day of July 2024.



Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk