Measure TC: Temple City Public Safety, Roads, City Services Measure

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

The City Council of Temple City placed Measure TC on the ballot for the March 3, 2026, general municipal election. Temple City's ("City") total "sales tax" rate is currently 9.75% (inclusive of various taxes levied by the State, county, City, and other districts). Measure TC, if approved by voters, would add a new Article F to Chapter 3 of Title 5 of the Temple City Municipal Code, establishing a transactions and use general tax at the rate of 0.75%. This results in a total "sales tax" rate in the City of 10.5% (inclusive of various State, county, City, and other district taxes).

This tax would be assessed on the sale of tangible goods and the storage, use, or other consumption of such goods. This tax would be paid in addition to current sales taxes and would be collected at the same time and in the same manner as existing sales taxes. The specific transactions and uses subject to the tax would be determined under the regulations of the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration ("CDTFA"). Both visitors and City residents would pay this tax on retail sales activity in Temple City. Certain necessities of life, such as groceries or prescription medicine, would be exempt from the tax. The CDTFA would administer the tax under contract with the City.

By law, all revenues raised by Measure TC would belong to Temple City and could not be taken by the State, County of Los Angeles, or any other governmental agency.

Measure TC is a general tax and will generate approximately $2,500,000 annually for the funding of general City services, including, but not limited to, 9-1-1 emergency/fire/paramedic/police response, maintaining streets and repairing potholes, addressing property crimes/thefts, maintaining parks, addressing homelessness, keeping public spaces safe/clean, as well as for general government use. Funds generated by the tax would be placed in the City's general fund, are not restricted, and may be used for any City general fund purpose. Further, it would be subject to annual independent auditing and public disclosure requirements. If passed, it will stay in effect until ended by voters.

A "YES" vote is a vote to approve a 0.75% transactions and use general tax. A "NO" vote is a vote against a 0.75% transactions and use general tax, and the City's total "sales tax" rate will remain at 9.75%. The transactions and use general tax proposed by Measure TC would take effect only if it receives a majority "YES" vote at the March 3, 2026, election.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of the Measure TC. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please contact the City of Temple City's City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@templecity.us and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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