

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R54**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ADD A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO THE PREVIOUSLY CONSOLIDATED GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE § 10403**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council finds as follows:

A. The City Council called a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing council members; and requested consent from the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to consolidate such election to be held with the General Election on that same date.

B. The City Council now desires to add a ballot proposition to the previously called and consolidated General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024.

**SECTION 2.** Pursuant to the requirements of Elections Code § 10403, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of a proposition on the ballot for the General Municipal Election consolidated with the General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

**SECTION 3.** Pursuant to Elections Code §§ 9222 and 13119, the exact form of the question to be voted on at the election as it should appear on the ballot is as follows:

Shall an ordinance, without increasing taxes on residents, updating/simplifying City of Monterey Park's 35-year-old business license tax rates, ensuring fairness to all businesses and helping fund general city services, including keeping public/business areas safe/clean; preventing crime/thefts; strengthening the local economy; by revising the tax rate to 0.00075 per \$1,000 of gross receipts (\$75 yearly minimum tax), generating approximately \$1,200,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring spending disclosure, funds locally controlled, be adopted?	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

**SECTION 4.** The complete text of the proposed ballot measure to be submitted to the voters is attached as Exhibit A, Full Text of the Ballot Measure.

**SECTION 5.** The vote requirement for the proposed ballot measure to pass is a majority (50% + 1) of the votes cast.

**SECTION 6.** The County election department is authorized to canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election. The election will be held in all respects as if there were only one election and only one form of ballot may be used. The election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide or special election.

**SECTION 7.** The Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the County election department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the consolidated election.

**SECTION 8.** The City of Monterey Park recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by the County by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for any costs.

**SECTION 9.** The City Clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the County election department of the County of Los Angeles.

**SECTION 10.** The City Clerk will certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; enter the same in the book of original Resolutions; and make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

**SECTION 11.** *Electronic Signatures.* This Resolution may be executed with electronic signatures in accordance with Government Code §16.5. Such electronic signatures will be treated in all respects as having the same effect as an original signature.

**SECTION 12.** The Mayor, or presiding officer, is hereby authorized to affix his signature to this Resolution signifying its adoption by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park, and the City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, is directed to attest thereto.


**SECTION 13.** This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption.

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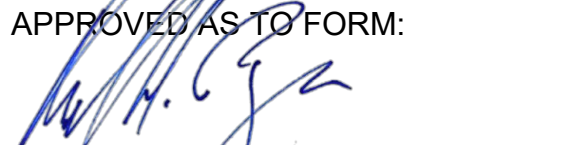
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK ON THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.

  
Thomas Wong, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Maychelle Yee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Karl H. Berger, City Attorney

Attachment:


Exhibit A – Full Text of the Ballot Measure

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES            ) §  
CITY OF MONTEREY PARK                )

I, Maychelle Yee, City Clerk of the City of Monterey Park, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2024-R54 was duly adopted and passed at a regular meeting of the Monterey Park City Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024 by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members: Lo, Yiu, Ngo, Wong
Noes:	Council Members: None
Abstain:	Council Members: None
Absent:	Council Members: Sanchez
Recusal	Council Members: None

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

  
Maychelle Yee, City Clerk  
Monterey Park, California

**EXHIBIT A**

FULL TEXT OF THE BALLOT MEASURE

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE, WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES ON RESIDENTS, UPDATING/SIMPLIFYING CITY OF MONTEREY PARK’S 35-YEAR-OLD BUSINESS LICENSE TAX RATES, ENSURING FAIRNESS TO ALL BUSINESSES AND HELPING FUND GENERAL CITY SERVICES, INCLUDING KEEPING PUBLIC/BUSINESS AREAS SAFE/CLEAN; PREVENTING CRIME/THEFTS; STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL ECONOMY; BY REVISING THE TAX RATE TO 0.00075 PER \$1,000 OF GROSS RECEIPTS (\$75 YEARLY MINIMUM TAX), GENERATING APPROXIMATELY \$1,200,000 ANNUALLY UNTIL ENDED BY VOTERS, REQUIRING SPENDING DISCLOSURE, FUNDS LOCALLY CONTROLLED**

The People of the City of Monterey Park do hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Monterey Park Municipal Code (“MPMC”) § 5.12.200 is amended to read as follows:

**“§ 5.12.200. Fees levied—Businesses, trades and professions.**

A. All persons engaged in or carrying on any profession, trade, calling, occupation or business in or into the city as classified in Section 5.12.110, 5.12.120, 5.12.130, 5.12.140, 5.12.150, 5.12.160 and 5.12.190, unless specifically provided otherwise in this chapter, must procure a business license and pay an annual fee as follows:

<b>Categories</b>	<b>Base Rate for Gross Receipts of \$500,000 or less</b>	<b>Additional Rate Per \$1,000, or portion thereof, of Gross Receipts in excess of \$500,000</b>
Professional	\$75.00	0.00075
Retailers		
Wholesalers		
Manufacturers		
Service		
Contractors		
Businesses not otherwise classified		

B. The term “gross receipts,” as used in this section has the same meaning as set forth in Section 5.12.045 of this Title.”

**SECTION 2.** MPMC § 5.12.210 is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**“§ 5.12.210. Contractors.**

A. Any contractor applying for a business license must certify to the license collector the appropriate subclassification in which such contractor is to be classified.

- B. Every general contractor must require all subcontractors for the performance of any work on each project in the city under its control or direction, whether the subcontract is written or oral, to have a business license as herein provided for the year or years in which such subcontractor's work is to be done at the time such subcontract is made and before permitting such subcontractor to begin to perform services on any project of said general contractor. Failure of such general contractor to comply with the foregoing provisions of this subsection renders such general contractor liable to the city for an additional license fee equal to the amount of such subcontractor's unpaid license fee, plus any penalties for delinquency accruing thereon.
- C. Each general contractor must furnish the building division with a list of all subcontractors who are to do work on any project of such general contractor in the city upon forms furnished by the city."

**SECTION 3:** *Environmental Analysis.* This Ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 2100, *et seq.*, "CEQA") and CEQA regulations (14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000, *et seq.*) because it establishes rules and procedures to implement government funding mechanisms; does not involve any commitment to a specific project which could result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and constitutes an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Accordingly, this Resolution does not constitute a "project" that requires environmental review (*see specifically* 14 CCR § 15378(b)(4-5)).

**SECTION 4:** *Interpretation.* This Ordinance must be interpreted so as to be consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, part, or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision does not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The voters declare that this Ordinance, and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, part, or portion thereof, would have been adopted or passed irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses, phrases, part, or portion is found to be invalid. If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid as applied to any person or circumstance, such invalidity does not affect any application of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application.

**SECTION 5:** *Severability.* If any portion of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances will not be affected thereby. We the People indicate our strong desire that: (i) the City Council use its best efforts to sustain and reenact that portion, and (ii) the City Council implement this Ordinance by taking all steps possible to cure any inadequacies or deficiencies identified by the court in a manner consistent with the express and implied intent of this Ordinance, and then adopting or reenacting such portion as necessary or desirable to allow imposition of the tax.

**SECTION 6:** *Construction.* This Ordinance must be broadly construed in order to achieve the purposes stated in this Ordinance. It is the intent of the voters that the

provisions of this Ordinance be interpreted or implemented by the City and others in a manner that facilitates the purposes set forth in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7:** *Validity of Previous Code Sections.* If this entire Ordinance or its application is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, any repeal of the MPMC or other regulation by this Ordinance will be rendered void and cause such MPMC provision or other regulation to remain in full force and effect for all purposes

**SECTION 8:** *Voter Approval.* This Ordinance will enact and impose a general tax. Accordingly, it will be submitted to a general election on November 5, 2024, for voter approval. If **A MAJORITY** of voters vote in favor of this Ordinance, it will become valid and binding on the date that the City Council certifies the election results. Should the provisions of Government Code §§ 53720, *et seq.* or California Constitution Article XIII C be repealed or amended or interpreted by the courts so that voter approval is not required for enacting this Ordinance, then this Ordinance will take effect as provided for all other City ordinances and may be amended in the same manner as all other City ordinances.

**SECTION 9:** *City Council Authority.* Pursuant to Elections Code § 9217, the People authorize and direct the City Council to promptly take appropriate actions needed to implement this Ordinance including, without limitation, adopting all regulations needed to effectuate this Ordinance by ordinance.

**SECTION 10:** *Reconciliation with Competing Ordinance.* In the event another ballot measure (a “Competing Ordinance”) appears on the same ballot as this Ordinance that seeks to adopt, impose, or amend any limitations or restrictions, or other regulations or requirements, including, without limitation, those with respect to the actions authorized by this Ordinance, that differ in any respect to or supplement, those contained in this Ordinance, the People declare their intention that, if both the Competing Ordinance and this Ordinance receive a majority of votes cast, the Competing Ordinance and this Ordinance be fully adopted except to the extent that specific provisions contained in each measure are deemed to be in direct conflict with each other on a “provision by provision” basis pursuant to *Yoshisato v. Superior Court* (1992) 2 Cal. 4th 978. With respect to any such directly conflicting provisions, the specific provisions of the Ordinance receiving the greater number of votes will prevail.

**SECTION 11:** *Miscellaneous.*

- A. If any portion of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, we the People indicate our strong desire that: (i) the City Council use its best efforts to sustain and reenact that portion, and (ii) the City Council implement this Ordinance by taking all steps possible to cure any inadequacies or deficiencies identified by the court in a manner consistent with the express and implied intent of this Ordinance, and then adopting or reenacting such portion as necessary or desirable to permit the planning and development of the Project.

B. This Ordinance must be broadly construed in order to achieve the purposes stated in this Ordinance. It is the intent of the People that the provisions of this Ordinance be interpreted or implemented by the City and others in a manner that facilitates the purposes set forth in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 12:** The Mayor will sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk will attest and certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance if a majority of the voters voting in the City's general election on November 5, 2024, approve it.

**SECTION 13:** Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code § 7265, this Ordinance will become operative on the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this Ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2024.

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Thomas Wong, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Maychelle Yee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Karl H. Berger, City Attorney