

**CITY OF SAN MATEO
RESOLUTION NO. __ (2020)**

**CALLING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SUBMITTING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE CITY'S TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX BY TWO
PERCENT**

WHEREAS, City of San Mateo faces significant budget challenges in the foreseeable future that are expected to be exacerbated by the novel coronavirus pandemic;

WHEREAS, in an effort to address these challenges the City has developed a fiscal sustainability plan which includes seeking voter approval of an increase in the current Transient Occupancy Tax; and

WHEREAS, the City commissioned a study to determine whether the community supported a 2% increase in the current Transient Occupancy Tax rate and the study indicated strong support for such a tax increase; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority provided by state law the San Mateo City Council has decided to place a proposition to approve a 2% increase to the tax rate on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to charter cities, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of San Mateo, California, on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, a General Municipal Election for the purpose of submitting the following proposed ordinance:

To fund general city services such as: maintaining streets and repairing potholes; providing fire, paramedic, and 9-1-1 emergency response; managing traffic congestion and enhancing pedestrian safety measures; maintaining parks, recreation and community facilities, infrastructure, and general city services; shall an ordinance be adopted increasing the City of San Mateo's existing transient occupancy (hotel) tax paid by hotel/motel guests to 14%?	YES
	NO

SECTION 2. That the text of the measure submitted to the voters is attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. That the vote requirement for the measure to pass is a majority (50%+1) of the votes cast.

SECTION 4. That the full text of the measure be printed in the voter information pamphlet.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk is directed to forward the proposed measure to the City Attorney for preparation of an impartial analysis in accordance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code.

SECTION 6. Arguments for and against the proposition may be submitted to the qualified voters of the City in accordance with sections 9282 through 9287 of the California Elections Code. The deadline date for submitting ballot arguments for or against the proposition shall be Friday, August 14, 2020. Proposed arguments shall not exceed 300 words and shall be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk. The deadline for submitting rebuttal arguments shall be Monday, August 24, 2020. Proposed rebuttal arguments shall not exceed 250 words and shall be submitted to the office of the City Clerk. The provisions of Section 9285(a) of the California Elections Code shall apply to the submittal of rebuttal arguments.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk and other City officers are directed to do all things necessary to meet the requirements of law for the November 3, 2020, municipal election.

SECTION 8. That the ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law.

SECTION 9. The polls for said election shall be opened at seven o'clock a.m. of the day of said election and shall remain open continuously from said time until eight o'clock p.m. of the same day, except as provided in Section 14401 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

SECTION 10. The municipal election hereby called for November 3, 2020, shall be, and is hereby, ordered consolidated with the county election to be held within the City on said date, and within the territory affected by the consolidation, the election shall be held and conducted, election officers appointed, voting precincts designated, ballots printed, polls opened and closed, ballots counted and returned, returns canvassed, results declared, and all other proceedings incidental to and connected with the election shall be regulated and done in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the countywide election and as specified herein.

SECTION 11. The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo is hereby requested to permit the County Elections Official to render specified services to the city relating to the conduct of the election; and is hereby authorized to canvass the returns of said municipal election; and said election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election and only one form of ballot. The County shall certify the results of the canvass of the returns of said election to the City Council of this City which shall thereafter declare the results thereof.

SECTION 12. That in all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 13. That notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 14. The City Council authorizes the City Clerk to administer said election and all reasonable and actual election expenses shall be paid by the City upon presentation of a properly submitted bill and the City Clerk is authorized to execute a service agreement for the provision of election services with the County with terms approved by the city attorney and provided the costs of such services have been appropriated by the City Council.

SECTION 15. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

SECTION 16. The City Council has determined that the proposed measure is not a “project” under CEQA.

SECTION 17. Effective date. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.