

June 3, 2026
Special City Council
Meeting

PowerPoint Presentation

Item 2.1

1¢ SALES TAX MEASURE



RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

Resolutions and Ordinance	What it Does
Resolution No. 11670 and Ordinance No. 03-26	Submits to the voters a 1¢ sales tax measure for a 13-year term at the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election. Ordinance No. 03-26, which includes the full measure language is attached to the resolution as Exhibit A.
Resolution No. 11672	Sets the process and priorities for filing written arguments regarding a City measure and directs the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis.

RESOLUTION NO. 11670: 1¢ SALES TAX MEASURE

City of Orange Public Safety/Essential Services Measure

To maintain City of Orange's quality of life, such as 9-1-1 response; maintaining police/fire protection; preventing crimes/thefts; retaining/attracting well-trained police officers/firefighters; keeping public parks safe/clean; addressing homelessness; wildfire protection/prevention; repairing streets/potholes; critical infrastructure improvements; shall a measure establishing a 1¢ sales tax, providing approximately \$37,000,000 annually for general revenue/government purposes, expiring after 13 years, with independent oversight committee, all funds benefiting Orange residents, be adopted?

Proposed Ordinance No. 03-23

3.23.120 – The tax imposed by this ordinance shall remain in effect for thirteen (13) years from the operative date unless earlier repealed, amended, or extended by a vote of the electorate.

INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Comprised of 12 individuals:

Section 3.23.140(C)

Except where otherwise stated, members of the committee will be appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the City Council to four-year terms, consisting of each of the following:

1. One resident member appointed by each City Council member, and ratified by the City Council. If the City utilizes district-based elections, the appointee shall reside within the same voting district as the appointing City Council member.
2. One at-large resident member selected by the Mayor.
3. City Treasurer.
4. One member active in a business organization representing the City's business community.
5. One member active in a bona fide taxpayers' association.
6. One member active in a bona fide non-profit located within the City.
7. One at-large resident member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in a public, private, or charter school located within the City.

The committee will be a Brown Act body, meet at least once annually, make recommendations, review revenues/expenditures/annual audit reports, and make at least one written annual report to the City Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 11672 : IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS AND BALLOT ARGUMENTS

Resolution No. 11672 - Key Points:

1. Directs the City Attorney to draft an impartial analysis of the measure (500 words).
2. The City Council may authorize members of the legislative body to submit a written argument (300 words) for or against the measure.
3. Establishes preference and priority if multiple arguments are submitted.
4. The ballot argument cannot have more than five (5) signers.

Recommended Actions:

1. The Council could authorize five Councilmembers to sign the argument (with a Councilmember designated to draft the argument); ***or alternatively,***
2. The City Council may authorize the Mayor to work with community stakeholders to prepare and sign the ballot argument.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1¢ Sales Tax Measure (Resolution No. 11670)

1. Approve Resolution No. 11670; *or*
2. Provide direction to staff.

Impartial Analysis and Ballot Arguments (Resolution No. 11672)

1. Authorize up to five Councilmembers to sign the ballot argument and designate one Councilmember to prepare and submit the argument; *or*
2. Authorize the Mayor to prepare and submit the ballot argument in favor of the measure, consult with community stakeholders as appropriate, determine any additional signers, and make revisions prior to filing.