



# CITY OF MERCED

## Meeting Agenda

City Council Chamber  
Merced Civic Center  
2nd Floor  
678 W. 18th Street  
Merced, CA 95340

### City Council/Public Finance and Economic Development Authority/Parking Authority

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Thursday, March 8, 2018

6:00 PM

City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Merced Civic  
Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

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#### Special Meeting at 6:00 PM

#### NOTICE TO PUBLIC

WELCOME TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MERCED CITY COUNCIL

**PUBLIC COMMENT: OBTAIN SPEAKER CARD FROM THE CITY CLERK**

Members of the audience who wish to address the City Council are requested to complete a speaker card available at the podium against the right-hand side of the Council Chamber. Please submit the completed card to the City Clerk before the item is called, preferably before the meeting begins.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance

#### B. ROLL CALL

#### C. BUSINESS

C.1. [18-125](#)

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Amending Section 1. of Previously Submitted Commercial Cannabis Business Tax Ballot Measure Ordinance

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

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#### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

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recreation, fire and police services by choosing option 1 or 2; and,

OPTION ONE

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OPTION 2

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**D. ADJOURNMENT**



**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

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**Agenda Item C.1.**

Meeting Date: 3/8/2018

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*Report Prepared by: John Tresidder, Assistant City Clerk, City Clerk's Office*

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## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Approve as recommended; or,
2. Take no action.

## **AUTHORITY**

City of Merced Charter Sections 200, 1001, 1003, and 1004.

## **DISCUSSION**

At the Regular City Council Meeting of February 20, 2018, the City Council called for an election placing a tax ordinance for commercial cannabis on the June 5, 2018 ballot. All completed paperwork was filed with the Merced County Registrar of Voters on February 27, 2018 to meet the required deadlines.

Council has requested the reconsideration of Section 1 of the submitted ordinance after hearing comments from the public at subsequent meetings. Below are outlined options available for consideration. If amendments to the language are made, the adoption of a resolution to amend the language is also required and will need to be filed with the Merced County Registrar of Voters by March 14, 2018 in order to meet the deadline for doing so.

## **ORDINANCE AS ADOPTED - NO CHANGE**

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**IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES**

Funds have been appropriated to cover the cost of the election.