

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA, ADDING
CHAPTER 2.56, "TAX TRANSPARENCY
COMMISSION," TO THE MERCED MUNICIPAL
CODE**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES ORDAIN
AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CODE. Chapter 2.56 "Tax
Transparency Commission," is hereby added to the Merced Municipal Code to
read as follows:

**"Chapter 2.56
TAX TRANSPARENCY COMMISSION**

Sections:

- 2.56.010 Authority**
- 2.56.020 Appointment and Meetings.**
- 2.56.030 Powers and Duties.**

2.56.010 Authority.

Pursuant to Section 700 of the Charter of the City there is
hereby established a Tax Transparency Commission
consisting of seven members.

2.56.020 Appointment and Meetings.

A. Member are to be appointed by the City Council
from the qualified electors of the City and no member of
said commission shall hold any paid office or
employment in the city government.

B. Six (6) members will be appointed from each of
the six (6) districts and one (1) member will be appointed
at large. Should a district appointment remain vacant for

more than ninety (90) days, the City Council has the authority and may elect to appoint an otherwise-qualified at large member to fill the vacancy.

C. The number of members to comprise the commission may be changed by ordinance of the City Council to not less than seven nor more than nine members.

D. The Tax Transparency Commission shall meet quarterly.

2.56.030 Powers and Duties.

The Tax Transparency Commission shall have authority to:

A. Review the projected revenue and expenditures for the funds generated by each general or special tax measure.

B. Make budget recommendations to the City Council in accordance with and to maintain compliance with each general or special tax measure.

C. Review annual audits of each general or special tax measure and report any findings to the City Council.”

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. PUBLICATION. The City Clerk is directed to cause a summary of this Ordinance to be published in the official newspaper at least once within fifteen (15) days after its adoption showing the vote thereon.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Merced on the ____ day of _____, 2019, and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2019, by the following called vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:
STEVE CARRIGAN, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney **Date** 10-14-19