

RESOLUTION 2026-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN SUBMITTING A BALLOT MEASURE TO THE CITY OF LINCOLN QUALIFIED VOTERS TO APPROVE A LOCAL ONE CENT (1¢) SALES TAX FOR GENERAL CITY REVENUE PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln (the “City”) is a safe, desirable place to live, do business, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, recently commissioned independent research in the City shows residents prioritize locally controlled funding that cannot be taken by the state; and

WHEREAS, many in the community believe that additional local funding is needed to address community priorities and quality of life services; and

WHEREAS, the community’s top priorities include maintaining 911 emergency response times; preventing cuts to fire protection and police response services; retaining/attracting qualified firefighters and police officers; and keeping public areas and parks healthy, safe and clean; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to keeping the community safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has a limited number of officers usually on patrol at any one time; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to prevent cuts to police and fire services response times; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 9222, the City Council is submitting to City voters a ballot measure and proposed ordinance to establish a One cent (1¢) sales tax for general City revenue purposes (the “Measure”); and

WHEREAS, by helping retain and attract qualified firefighters, approval of this Measure, along with other strategies, will aid in the City’s commitment to keep 911 response times short and maintain residential and wildfire protection services; and

WHEREAS, approval of this Measure, along with other strategies, will help add advanced life-saving equipment and trained paramedics to the Fire Department to deploy medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the City’s General Fund has been operating with a structural deficit for several years; and

WHEREAS, by law, all funds from this Measure must stay in the City, and no funds can be taken by the State; and

WHEREAS, safe, clean neighborhoods, parks, and public spaces are vital to maintaining and enhancing the City’s quality of life and community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Measure requires mandatory financial audits, an independent Citizen’s Oversight Committee, and public disclosure of spending to help ensure that all funds are responsibly and locally spent; and

WHEREAS, this Measure is not a tax on homes or property, and a portion of locally controlled revenue generated by the Measure will be paid by visitors to Lincoln who will pay their fair share to use City services; and

WHEREAS, a statewide general election will be held on November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to place the Measure on the November 3, 2026, ballot.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9 and Government Code section 53724, the City Council by this Resolution approves by a two-thirds (2/3) vote the Measure. The Measure is a general tax as defined in Article XIII C of the State of California Constitution and Government Code section 53721 and shall not take effect until approved by a vote of at least a majority of voters voting on the question at the November 3, 2026, election.

Section 2. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9222, the City Council hereby submits the following question to the voters at the election on November 3, 2026:

Lincoln Public Safety/Taxpayer Protection Measure. Shall the measure to prevent cuts to public safety services (911 emergency/medical response, police/fire protection, qualified police/firefighters); add life-saving equipment for medical emergencies; keep public areas/streets/parks safe and clean; and other general government uses, by establishing a one-cent sales tax, providing \$6,000,000 annually with all funds spent locally, until ended by voters, with a citizen oversight committee, and annual audits/public spending disclosure, be adopted?	Yes
	No

Section 3. The text of the ordinance submitted to the voters is attached as Exhibit A.

Section 4. The City Council hereby directs the City Elections Official, or designee, to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer and the Placer County Elections Office on or before July 1, 2026.

Section 5. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9280, the City Council hereby directs the City Elections Official, or designee, to transmit a copy of the Measure to the City Attorney. The City Council hereby directs the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of the Measure pursuant to Elections Code section 9280 (the “Impartial Analysis”). The City Attorney shall file the Impartial Analysis with the Placer County Elections Office on or before August 7, 2026.

Section 6. Pursuant to Elections Code sections 9282 and 9285, the City Council or a member or members of the legislative body authorized by the City Council, or an individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or a bona fide association of citizens, or a combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument for the measure and a rebuttal to any arguments against the measure. An argument shall not exceed 300 words in length, and a rebuttal argument cannot exceed 250 words in length. Arguments for and against the Measure, and any rebuttals, may be filed in accordance with applicable provisions of the law.

Section 7. The City Elections Officials and other City officers and employees are authorized and directed to take all other actions that are necessary to have the Measure properly submitted to the City voters at the Election, to be conducted on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The City Clerk shall be the City Elections Official.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a two-thirds vote by the City Council of the City of Lincoln at a regular meeting held on this 23rd day of June, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers:	Andreatta, Brown, Eklund, Pearl, Reedy
NOES:	Councilmembers:	NONE
ABSENT:	Councilmembers:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	Councilmembers:	NONE


Richard Pearl, Mayor

ATTEST:


Hope Ithurburn, City Clerk