

MEASURE BB - CITY OF BRADBURY UTILITY USERS TAX

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

Measure BB is submitted to the voters of Bradbury by the City Council to adopt a temporary Utility Users Tax in order to generate additional local revenue to pay for essential City services.

If approved by the voters, Measure BB would impose a Utility Users Tax at the rate of 5.5% on telecommunication services (including telephone service), video services (including cable television), electricity, natural gas and solid waste disposal, and at the rate of 2.75% on water, within the City's boundaries. The tax would not apply to sewer or other utilities not specified in the Measure and would not apply to internet access or internet purchases (such as books, ringtones or other digital products). The tax rate would be reviewed by the City Council each year, and raised or lowered based upon the City's revenue needs; however it cannot be raised more than 1.25% (0.6125% for water) in any year, and cannot ever be raised above 7.5% (3.75% for water) or lowered below 1% (1/2 of 1% for water). The tax would automatically terminate after five years.

The Measure provides exemptions for certain very low and low income households occupied by a senior citizen or a disabled person who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. Solar energy would not be subject to the tax.

A six member citizen oversight committee would be established to review and make recommendations regarding the tax.

The tax would be collected by the utility companies as part of their regular utility collections and paid to the City on a monthly basis. It is expected to raise approximately \$359,000 the first year.

The Utility Users Tax would be a general tax, which needs to be approved by a simple majority of the voters voting in the election. General taxes are deposited in the City's general fund and used for essential governmental purposes, such as law enforcement services provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Animal Control, Planning, Engineering, street and sidewalk repair, maintenance of public parks and trails, graffiti removal, and all basic City operations.

A "yes" vote is a vote to adopt a Utility Users Tax on the use of electricity, gas, telecommunications, solid waste disposal and recycling, video services and water in the City of Bradbury at a rate of 5.5% initially (2.75% for water), and not to exceed 7.5% (3.75% for water), for a period of five years, for general fund purposes. A "no" vote is a vote to not adopt a Utility Users Tax.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure A. The definition of each utility service and a description of how the tax is calculated and collected are more particularly described in Ordinance No. 327, copies of which are available from the City Clerk's office at 600 Winston Avenue, Bradbury, CA 91008, (626) 358-3218, or by e-mail at cityhall@cityofbradbury.org, and a copy will be sent at no cost to you. The complete text of the Ordinance is available on the City's web site at <http://www.cityofbradbury.org>.

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