

Impartial Analysis by the Duarte City Attorney
Measure D

Measure D would adopt a general transactions and use tax in the City of Duarte at the rate of three-quarters of a cent for every dollar spent (0.75¢). This kind of tax is often called a “sales” tax. The money from this tax would go into the City’s general fund and could be used for any lawful City purpose, including but not limited to: 9-1-1 emergency response times; sheriff’s neighborhood and school patrols; prevention of theft and burglaries; preparation for wildfires and mud flows; protection of local drinking water sources; street repairs; addressing homelessness; and programs to serve seniors and young people.

The tax would be in addition to existing state and local sales taxes and would be collected along with them. It would only apply to purchases subject to sales taxes. For example, purchases of prescription drugs and most food would not be taxed.

The tax has no expiration date, but voters could reduce or repeal it at any election. Measure D is subject to an independent audit of City receipts from the tax and how they are spent each year. The Council must discuss the audit results at a public meeting each year and post them on the City’s website.

A “yes” vote supports imposing the tax; a “no” vote opposes the tax. A simple majority of votes (50% plus 1) will pass or defeat the measure.

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure D. If you desire a copy of the proposed measure, please call the Duarte City Clerk at (626) 357-7931 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost to you.