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Dear Voters,

Welcome to the Special Election to be held August 29, 2017. As you will see, there is just one decision each voter in the City of Shasta Lake will need to make.

We hope the information in this packet will help you make an informed decision.

Please call us at 225-5730 if you have questions. You can also check the website for information and maps at www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us.

Thank you for showing your commitment to our beautiful North State community by voting!

Cathy Darling Allen

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You have the following rights:

1. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
   - a U.S. citizen living in California
   - registered where you currently live
   - at least 18 years old
   - not in prison or on parole for a felony

2. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.**
   You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if election officials determine that you are eligible to vote.

3. **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**

4. **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.

5. **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
   - Ask an elections official at a polling place for a new ballot, or
   - Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place, or
   - Vote using a provisional ballot, if you do not have your original vote-by-mail ballot.

6. **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.

7. **The right to turn in your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in the county where you are registered to vote.

8. **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.

9. **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.

10. **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or to the Secretary of State’s office.

    - On the web at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)
    - By phone at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
    - By email at [elections@sos.ca.gov](mailto:elections@sos.ca.gov)

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, call the Secretary of State’s confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).
3 ways to vote

Vote by mail
Request a vote-by-mail ballot by **August 22.**
Return it by mail, deliver it to the Shasta County Elections Office, drop it off in an Official Ballot Drop-Off Box, or deliver it to any polling place in Shasta County on Election Day.
Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked or delivered by **August 29.**

Vote early in person
You may vote early at one location.

**August 1 – August 29**

**Location**
Shasta County Elections Office
1643 Market St. Redding

Monday – Friday, 8am to 5pm

Election Day: Tuesday, August 29 – 7am to 8pm

Vote at the polls in person
Polls are open on Election Day:
**August 29, from 7am to 8pm**

The location of your polling place is printed on the postcard in the mailing with the sample ballot.

Or, you can look up your polling place:

- On the web: www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us
- Call the Elections Office at 530-225-5730
Accessible Voting

At the polling place

If you vote at a polling place, to check polling place accessibility, look for the wheelchair symbol on the postcard insert.

In some polling places, temporary thresholds, ramps, signage, cones, and door props, are used to improve access to the facility.

Curbside voting

If your polling place is not accessible, you may vote on a paper or an electronic ballot from a nearby accessible location, including a car. A poll worker will qualify you to vote and return the voted ballot to the polling place.

To request curbside voting assistance, you can:

- call in advance to coordinate a time and place
- have an assistant make the request inside the polling place

Accessible voting system

Each polling place in the county has a touch screen voting system with:

- an audio option that reads the ballot to you
- large print

A ride to your polling place

There are organizations that can help you get to your polling place. Please call our office for more information.

Ballot delivery to your home

You may have a designated person pick up and deliver a vote-by-mail ballot from the Elections Office. Please call the office for details.

Voting information

Audio versions of the information about local measures are available on request.

How to request assistance

To request any of these options for assistance with accessible voting:

Disability Rights California will operate a statewide Election Day hotline 7am to 8pm

1-888-569-7955

Shasta County Clerk & Registrar of Voters

530-225-5730
888-560-8683

CA Secretary of State

916-657-2166
800-345-8683

CA Relay

711 or 800-735-2922

TTY/TDD

800-833-8683
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Local ballot measure: A

City of Shasta Lake

Ballot question
“CITY OF SHASTA LAKE COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX. Shall an ordinance be adopted imposing a cannabis business tax on cultivation up to $26 per square foot, on manufacturing up to $25 per square foot, and on other cannabis businesses up to 12% gross receipts to provide funding for local law enforcement/code enforcement within the City of Shasta Lake?”

What your vote means

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<th>NO</th>
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<td>A “yes” vote would approve a new set of taxes on commercial marijuana businesses and medical marijuana in the City of Shasta Lake.</td>
<td>A “no” vote would leave the current general medical marijuana tax on dispensaries only, as approved by the voters in November, 2014.</td>
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For and against Measure A

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| Rick Kern  
Mayor | No argument against was submitted. |
| Larry Farr  
Vice Mayor | |
| John Duckett  
City Manager | |
Local ballot measure: A

Arguments and replies are the opinions of the authors. We print them exactly as submitted, including errors.

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<td>Vote YES on Measure A to continue reasonable and fair taxation of commercial cannabis businesses within Shasta Lake. Measure A places a tax on commercial cannabis businesses to provide funding to support law enforcement and code enforcement activities. Measure A is designed to protect local control. The City’s goals in regulating commercial cannabis businesses are: Reduce and eliminate the black market for cannabis; Establish reasonable and comprehensive regulations that preserve the health and safety of our community; Provide access to medical cannabis for those who benefit from its use; Establish a new source of funding that benefits the entire community; and Create a fair and reasonable tax structure that supports financially stable cannabis businesses. Measure A will help the City achieve all five goals. Measure A will be implemented through a tightly regulated Conditional Use Permit process and regulatory ordinance. It is the City’s intent to allow only highly qualified operators that meet the standards of the City’s zoning and regulatory ordinances. All programs funded by Measure A will be subject to oversight and review. All the funds will be fully audited each year. Measure A is fiscally responsible, timely and prudent. This is not a new tax, but an important update to an existing cannabis tax imposed by Measure C as passed by the City of Shasta Lake voters in 2014 with 73.18% support. Measure A will extend the cannabis taxation to include all types of business operations such as cultivation and manufacturing. Passage of this improved tax measure will ensure that the City receives its fair share of cannabis taxation revenue. Your YES vote will show your continued support for protecting the interests, values, quality of life, and health and wellness of the residents of the City of Shasta Lake.</td>
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Impartial Analysis of Measure A

If this Measure is adopted by at least a 2/3 majority of the voters, then a cannabis business tax will take effect in the City of Shasta Lake. This cannabis business tax would repeal and replace the general tax that is presently collected from medical marijuana dispensaries operating in the City.

The cannabis business tax would impose up to a $26 per square foot tax on marijuana cultivation, up to a $25 per square foot tax on marijuana manufacturing, and up to a 12% gross receipt tax on other cannabis businesses located in the City of Shasta Lake. Proceeds raised by the tax measure would go to fund local law enforcement and code enforcement within the City of Shasta Lake, and would be used for no other purpose.

The tax would be imposed on all commercial cannabis business, commercial cannabis manufacturing, and commercial cannabis cultivation within the City, whether related to cannabis or medical cannabis. Payment of the tax would not be construed by the City as authorizing the conduct or permitting the continuance of any illegal business within the City, nor will this measure in itself permit any commercial cannabis activity. Nothing in the measure would imply or authorize any activities connected with the distribution, possession, or sale of cannabis unless authorized by California law and as may be permitted by the City of Shasta Lake.

Passage of the measure would authorize City management and staff to promulgate rules, regulations, and procedures to implement and administer the tax, and would authorize the City Council to amend, modify, change, revise, or appeal any provision of the measure without a vote of the people to the extent allowed by law. However, voter approval would still be required for any amendment that would increase the rate of any tax levied pursuant to this measure above the maximum rates established by the measure. The City Council would be permitted to impose any tax authorized by the measure at a lower rate and may establish exemptions, incentives, reductions, and interest charges for failure to pay the tax in a timely manner, as otherwise allowed by California law.

/s/ John Sullivan Kenny
City Attorney
Full text of Measure A

ORDINANCE NO. CC-17-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SHASTA LAKE, CALIFORNIA, REPLACING CHAPTER 3.17 OF THE CITY OF SHASTA LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE, AND APPROVING AND IMPLEMENTING A COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX

THE PEOPLE OF CITY OF SHASTA LAKE ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Special Tax.

The Commercial Cannabis Business Tax is enacted solely to raise revenue for specific governmental purposes for the City of Shasta Lake and not for purposes of regulation or of raising revenues for regulatory purposes. All of the proceeds from the tax imposed by this Chapter shall be used to fund local law enforcement/code enforcement.

SECTION 2. Purpose.

A. To impose a tax on the privilege of cultivating, manufacturing, processing, storing, laboratory testing, labeling, packaging, transporting, distributing, delivering, or sale of medical cannabis or medical cannabis products by commercial cannabis businesses in the City of Shasta Lake, pursuant to the state Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act, specifically California Business and Professions Code section 19348, or other enabling legislation;

B. To impose a tax on the privilege of cultivating, manufacturing, processing, storing, laboratory testing, labeling, packaging, transporting, distributing, delivering, or sale of nonmedical cannabis and cannabis products by commercial cannabis businesses in the City of Shasta Lake, pursuant to the “California Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Initiative” approved by voters in the November 2016 election, or other enabling legislation, notwithstanding if the state uses the term “marijuana” or “cannabis”;

SECTION 3. City of Shasta Lake Municipal Code Chapter 3.17 is hereby repealed and replaced by Chapter 3.17 to read:

COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX

3.17.010 Imposition of Tax.
3.17.020 Definitions.
3.17.030 Payment Obligation.
3.17.040 Remittance.
3.17.050 Payment of Tax Does Not Authorize Unlawful Business or Activity.
3.17.060 Modification, Repeal or Amendment.
3.17.070 Administration.

3.17.010 Imposition of Tax.

A. Tax on Commercial Cannabis Cultivation:
   1. Every person engaged in commercial cannabis cultivation in the city limits of the City of Shasta Lake shall pay an annual commercial cannabis business tax at a rate of up to $10.00 per square foot of outdoor cultivation area, $18.00 per square foot of mixed-light cultivation area, and $26.00 per square foot of indoor cultivation area.
2. Notwithstanding the maximum tax rate established by this ordinance, the City Council may at its discretion, at any time by resolution, implement a lower tax rate for all persons engaged in commercial cannabis cultivation within the City of Shasta Lake city limits for different categories of commercial cannabis cultivation including medical or non-medical use, subject to the maximum rate established in subsection (A)(1). The City Council may, by resolution, also increase any such tax rate from time to time, not to exceed the maximum tax rate established in subsection (A)(1).

3. Pursuant to subsection (A), the commercial cannabis business tax on commercial cannabis cultivation is to be initially imposed as follows:

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<td>10,001 or more</td>
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B. Tax on Commercial Cannabis Manufacturing:

1. Every person engaged in commercial cannabis manufacturing in the city limits of the City of Shasta Lake shall pay an annual commercial cannabis business tax at a rate of up to $25.00 per square foot of manufacturing area.

2. Notwithstanding the maximum tax rate established by this ordinance, the City Council may at its discretion, at any time by resolution, implement a lower tax rate for all persons engaged in commercial cannabis manufacturing within the City of Shasta Lake city limits subject to the maximum rate established in subsection (B)(1). The City Council may, by resolution, also increase any such tax rate from time to time, not to exceed the maximum tax rate established in subsection (B)(1).

3. Pursuant to subsection (B), the commercial cannabis business tax on commercial cannabis manufacturing is to be imposed at the following rate:

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<td>Manufacturer</td>
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C. Tax on all Other Commercial Cannabis Business:
1. Every person engaged in operating a commercial cannabis business, other than commercial cannabis cultivation or manufacturing, including but not limited to as a distributor, distribution facility, testing facility, transporter, nursery, dispensary, cooperative, collective, or engaging in delivery of cannabis in the city limits of the City of Shasta Lake shall pay an annual commercial cannabis business tax at a rate of up to twelve percent (12%) of gross receipts per fiscal year.

2. Notwithstanding the maximum tax rate established by this ordinance, the City Council may at its discretion, at any time by resolution, implement a lower tax rate for all persons engaged in commercial cannabis manufacturing within the City of Shasta Lake city limits subject to the maximum rate established in subsection (C)(1). The City Council may, by resolution, also increase any such tax rate from time to time, not to exceed the maximum tax rate established in subsection (C)(1).

3. Pursuant to subsection (C), the commercial cannabis business tax on every person engaged in commercial cannabis business, including but not limited to as a distributor, distribution facility, testing facility, transporter, nursery, dispensary, cooperative, collective or engaging in delivery of cannabis is to be imposed at the following rates:

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<td>Cannabis Nursery</td>
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<td>Distributor</td>
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<td>Testing Laboratory</td>
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<td>Transporter</td>
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3.17.020 Definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter.

A. “Business tax” or “Commercial Cannabis Business Tax” means the tax due pursuant to this Chapter for engaging in lawful commercial cannabis business in the City of Shasta Lake.

B. “Cannabis” means all parts of the plant Cannabis sativa Linnaeus, Cannabis indica, or Cannabis ruderalis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin, whether crude or purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or resin and as defined in Business and Professions code 19300.5(f). For purposes of this Section the terms Cannabis and Marijuana shall have the same meaning.

C. “Commercial cannabis business” means any commercial business activity relating to cannabis, including but not limited to cultivating, manufacturing, processing, storing, laboratory testing, labeling, packaging, transporting, distributing, delivering, or sale of cannabis, medical cannabis or a cannabis or medical cannabis product, except as related Business and Professions Code Section 19319, and as they may be amended or Health and Safety Code Sections 11362.1 through 11362.45 and as they may be amended.

D. “Commercial Cannabis Cultivation” means the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, processing, or storage of one or more cannabis plants or any part thereof and as defined in the MCRSA 19300.5(k) and or a cannabis nursery as defined in MCRSA 19300.5(ag).
E. “Cultivation area” means all portions of the premises deducting therefrom driveways, sidewalks, landscaping, vacant unused space, areas used exclusively for office space, employee break rooms, restrooms, and storage space unrelated to the commercial cannabis business (such as a janitorial closet).

F. “Gross receipts” means the total amount actually received or receivable from all cannabis sales; the total amount or compensation actually received or receivable for the performance of any act or service, of whatever nature it may be, for which a charge is made or credit is allowed, whether or not such act or service is done as a part of or in connection with the sale of materials, goods, wares, or merchandise; discounts, rents, royalties, fees, commissions, dividends, and gains realized. Included in “gross receipts” shall be all receipts, cash, credits, and property of any kind or nature, without any deduction therefrom on account of the cost of the property sold, the cost of the material used, labor or service costs, interest paid or payable, or losses or other expenses whatsoever.

G. “Commercial Cannabis Manufacturing” means the production, preparation, propagation, or compounding of manufactured cannabis or cannabis products, directly or indirectly, by non-volatile extraction methods.

H. “Manufacturing area” means the entire premises utilized for production, preparation, propagation, storage or compounding of manufactured cannabis or cannabis products, directly or indirectly, by non-volatile extraction methods not deducting for unutilized portions of the premises.

I. “Mixed-light cultivation” means using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting at a maximum threshold in a permanent facility in compliance with the State Building Code as determined by the State licensing authority.

3.17.030 Payment Obligation.

Any entity subject to this chapter must pay the full tax imposed by this Chapter regardless of any rebate, exemption, incentive, or other reduction set forth elsewhere in this Code, except as required by California or Federal Law. Failure to pay the taxes required by this Section within thirty (30) days after the due date shall be subject to the following penalties, interest charges, and assessments:

A. A penalty in the sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the total amount due; and

B. If the tax remains unpaid, an additional penalty equal to ten percent (10%) shall be added on the first day of each calendar month following the initial penalty.

3.17.040 Remittance.

The taxes imposed by this chapter shall be remitted directly to the City quarterly as set forth in this Chapter. The tax due shall be no less than the quarterly installment due, but the taxpayer may at any time pay the tax due for the entire fiscal year. Each business shall pay on or before the last day of the month following the close of each calendar quarter.

3.17.050 Payment of Tax Does Not Authorize Unlawful Business or Activity.

The payment of any commercial cannabis business tax required under the provisions of this Chapter shall not be construed as authorizing the conduct or continuance of any illegal business or of a legal business in an illegal matter. Nothing in this section implies or authorizes that any activity connected with the distribution or possession of cannabis is legal unless authorized by California and Federal Law. Nothing in this section shall be applied or construed as authorizing the sale of cannabis.
3.17.060  Modification, Repeal or Amendment.

The voters expressly authorize the City Council to amend, modify, change, revise, or appeal any provision in this Chapter as the City Council deems in the best interest of the City without a vote of the people to the extent allowed by law. However, as required by Article XIII C of the California Constitution, voter approval is required for any amendment to Section 3.17.010 that would increase the rate of any Tax levied pursuant to this Chapter above the maximum rates established by this Chapter.

The City Council may impose any tax authorized by this Chapter at a lower rate and may establish exemptions, incentives, or other reductions, and interest charges for failure to pay the tax in a timely manner, as otherwise allowed by California law. No action by the Council under this Section shall prevent it from later increasing the tax or removing any exemption, incentive, or reduction, and restoring the maximum tax rates specified in this Chapter.

3.17.070  Administration.

A. The City manager or the City manager’s designee shall promulgate rules, regulations, and procedures to implement and administer this Chapter to ensure the efficient and timely collection of the tax imposed by this Chapter.

B. The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee shall annually audit the commercial cannabis business taxes imposed by this Chapter to verify that tax revenues have been properly expended in accordance with the law. The City Manager’s agent shall have the right to examine and audit all the books, business records and tax returns to verify that tax revenues have been properly reported and paid.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by two-thirds majority of the voters casting votes at the special election on August 29, 2017.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall publish this ordinance as required by applicable law. Upon approval by the voters, the City Clerk shall certify the passage of this ordinance by the voters, and cause the ordinance to be codified in the City of Shasta Lake Municipal Code.
Serve on the front lines of democracy

Election Officer volunteers needed on Election Day

Who can serve as an Election Officer?
- Any registered California voter
- Eligible high school students

What does an Election Officer do?
- Sets up and closes a polling place
- Helps voters understand their rights
- Protects ballots and voting equipment

Why serve as an Election Officer?
- Get involved in the democratic process
- Contribute to your community
- Earn extra money:
  - $125 for Inspectors
  - $100 for Assistant Inspectors and Clerks

Sign up today

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