

## **City of Palm Springs Measure E Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is Measure E?**

The City Council placed Measure E on the November 7, 2017 Municipal Election ballot to update the existing local tax paid by medical cannabis collectives to apply to any new commercial cannabis sales and business, based on California's legalization of adult-use cannabis.

Measure E does not authorize any additional cannabis dispensaries or businesses.

### **Why does Palm Springs need Measure E?**

In November 2016, California voters approved Proposition 64 to legalize the adult use of cannabis, effective in 2018. The new law applies statewide, but provides no funds to help cities cover costs related to legalized adult use.

### **What is the current policy regarding medical cannabis in Palm Springs?**

Currently, the City receives a 10% tax from medical cannabis operators on gross receipts. This tax is important to assist the City's regulation of these operations in our community.

### **What specifically would Measure E do?**

Measure E would apply the existing tax on medical cannabis to any new commercial medical and adult-use operators. Any cannabis cultivation (grows) would be taxed up to \$10 per square foot of the cultivation area.

### **How would Measure E revenue be used?**

Measure E enhances City resources to monitor and ensure proper location of cannabis cultivation, processing and sales in Palm Springs. Measure E would also make funding available for cannabis-related programs such as drug education and prevention programs for at-risk youth. The amount of funds raised by Measure E is hard to estimate at the time. The City currently receives approximately \$1.5 million annually in medical cannabis tax revenues.

### **Could the State take any revenue from Measure E?**

No. By law, no Measure E funds could be taken by the State. All funds must stay local to benefit Palm Springs.

### **How can I be certain that all funds would be spent as promised?**

Measure E includes fiscal accountability provisions to ensure all funds would be spent as stated. Funds from Measure E would be locally controlled and subject to public oversight and annual audits.

**Does Measure E limit the legal use of cannabis for medical purposes in Palm Springs?**

No. Regardless of Measure E, the use of medical cannabis remains permitted for qualified patients within their homes or in other private locations as permitted by owners. Measure E is a tax measure that only impacts commercial medical and adult-use operators in our city, taxing them on gross receipts, or in the case of cultivators, the size of their grow(s).

After the passage of Proposition 64 in 2016, the legalization of adult use of cannabis in California, local governments like the City of Palm Springs have the authority to allow cannabis usage, for medical or adult use, in additional locations, but Measure E has nothing to do with that.

**When will Measure E appear on the ballot? Who can vote on this measure?**

Measure E will appear on the November 7, 2017 Municipal Election ballot in Palm Springs. This election will be conducted both by mail and at polling locations. All registered voters in the City of Palm Springs are eligible to vote on this measure.

**When is the deadline to register to vote?**

The last day to register to vote in this election is October 23. To register to vote please contact the Riverside County Registrar of Voters at (951) 486-7200.

**When is the deadline to request to vote by mail?**

The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is October 31.

**How many votes does Measure E need to pass?**

In order to pass, Measure E needs the support of over 50% of those who vote on it.

**Where can I learn more about voting?**

For information about voting or finding your polling place, contact the Riverside County Registrar of Voters at (951) 486-7200 or visit [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net).

**Where can I learn more information about Measure E?**

For more information about Measure E on the November 7, 2017 ballot, please visit [www.palmspringsca.gov/government/city-clerk/election-information](http://www.palmspringsca.gov/government/city-clerk/election-information).