IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY TRINITY COUNTY COUNSEL COMMERCIAL REGARDING CANNABIS TAX

Measure G

This is a ballot measure to establish an ordinance taxing commercial cannabis in Trinity County.

A “YES” vote on this measure would tax commercial cannabis at the following rates:

For commercial grow, a flat rate tax per pound of cannabis that will vary based on the type and weight of cannabis harvested. The “full rate” values are as follows: $15.44/per pound for cannabis flowers, $4.59/per pound for cannabis leaves, and $2.16/per pound for fresh cannabis plants.

The first 100 pounds of each cannabis category shall be taxed at no more than 25% of the full rate. More than 100 pounds through 400 pounds of each cannabis category shall be taxed at no more than 50% of the “full rate.” More than 400 pounds through 1,000 pounds of each cannabis category shall be taxed at no more than 75% of the “full rate.” More than 1,000 pounds of each cannabis category shall be taxed at no more than the “full rate.”

Two and a half percent (2.5%) of gross sales for each cannabis retail license held by a person within the County.

A “NO” vote on this measure would mean there is no commercial cannabis tax in Trinity County.

The Board of Supervisors has the ability to lower the tax with majority vote. The tax is a general tax with revenue going to the Trinity County general fund. The measure would not authorize unlawful conduct and would exempt non-commercial adult use, medical use and caregiver use. The measure would establish penalties for failure to remit taxes when due and includes an appeals process.

This measure must be approved by a majority of the voters of Trinity County voting upon said Measure to become effective.

This measure was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure G. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Trinity County elections official’s office at 530-623-1220 and a copy will be faxed or mailed at no cost to you.

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