

Questions Regarding Measure M?

I hear the City is placing a Measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot to build a pool. What is it actually going to say?

The City Council has decided to place Measure M on the ballot. Residents will be asked to vote either Yes or No on the following Measure:

To finance construction of community pool and splash pad, creating access to quality recreational opportunities for children, youth, adults, and seniors, including swimming lessons, water safety classes, and health and fitness programs; shall City of Newman Community Facilities District 2016-1 incur indebtedness not exceeding \$6,500,000, levy a special tax annually on taxable parcels (described in Resolution 2016-25), with discounts for low-income seniors, requiring audits, no increases to tax rate and establishing appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2017/18 at \$750,000? ([Resolution No. 2016-43](#))

If I vote YES on Measure M, what does that mean?

A Yes vote would signify your support for levying the special tax. In order for the measure to pass, it requires two-thirds (2/3) voter approval ([Resolution No. 2016-43, Item 3](#)) Should the Measure be successful, the City would be authorized to levy a special tax to fund the construction, operations and maintenance of a community pool, splash pad, restrooms, and other support facilities. ([Resolution No. 2016-39, Exhibit A](#))

If I vote NO on Measure M, what does that mean?

A No vote would signify your opposition to the levying of a special tax for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a pool. Should the Measure not receive the required two-thirds vote necessary for approval, no special tax would be levied.

How much is the special tax and how would it be collected?

If approved, the special tax would be added to the property tax bill property owners receive from the County beginning in the 2017/18 tax year. The special tax will not be subject to an annual increase.

- *Single Family Properties would pay a maximum of \$148.00 per year.*
- *Multi-family Properties would pay a maximum of \$96.20 per unit, per year.*
- *All other properties would pay a maximum of \$148.00 per year.*

([Resolution #2016-39, Exhibit B – Rate and Method of Apportionment of Special Tax, Section C](#))

I am a senior citizen on a fixed income, will there be any discounts available?

There is a 50% discount for low-income seniors who own and reside on their property. To receive the discount, eligible seniors need to complete and submit a Special Tax Reduction Claim form to the City prior to June 30th of each year. ([Resolution #2016-39, Exhibit B – Rate and Method of Apportionment of Special Tax, Section F](#))

What would actually be constructed and when would it be operational?

The project would entail the construction of a recreational pool for open swim, water aerobics, swim lessons, lap swimming, lifeguard training, and other health and fitness programs. A spray pad measuring approximately 2,000sf will be constructed as well. The pool is designed to accommodate 8 lanes of competition swimming and will have a one-meter diving board. If approved, the goal is to have the facility constructed and operational in time for Summer 2018.