

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE BY THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD AMENDING SECTIONS 8-18.20 TO 8-18.40, 8-18.120 TO 8-18.170, AND 8-18.190 TO 8-18.200 OF ARTICLE 18, CHAPTER 8 OF THE HAYWARD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE UTILITY USERS TAX

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Sections 8-18.20 to 8-18.40, 8-18.120 to 8-18.170, and 8-18.190 to 8-18.200, of Article 18, Chapter 8 of the Hayward Municipal Code are amended to read as follows, with deleted terms shown in ~~strikeout~~ and added terms underlined:

ARTICLE 18

UTILITY USERS TAX

SEC. 8-18.20 DEFINITIONS.

SEC. 8-18-30 CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY AND OTHER EXEMPTIONS.

SEC. 8-18.40 LOW INCOME AND LIFELINE EXEMPTION.

SEC. 8-18.120 DUTY TO COLLECT AND REMIT TAX. PROCEDURES. SERVICE SUPPLIERS

SEC. 8-18.130 ~~COLLECTION PENALTIES.~~ FAILURE TO COLLECT OR REMIT – SERVICE SUPPLIERS

SEC. 8-18.140 LIABILITIES AND ACTIONS TO COLLECT.

SEC. 8-18.150 DEFICIENCY DETERMINATIONS AND FINAL AND ASSESSMENT. TAX APPLICATION ERRORS.

SEC. 8-18.160 ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDY – NON-PAYING SERVICE USERS.

SEC. 8-18.170 ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR.

SEC. 8-18.190 REFUNDS.

SEC. 8-18.200 APPEALS.

Section 2. California Environmental Quality Act. Adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review as the adoption of this Ordinance does not qualify as a “project” pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), under Public Resource Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15320, 15378, and 15061(b) (3) as there is no possibility that such action would cause either a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, paragraph, or sentence of this Ordinance, or any part thereof, is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, invalid, or beyond the authority of the City of Hayward by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. The effective date of this Article shall be thirty (30) days after its adoption by the City Council.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hayward, held on the 17th day of February 2026, by Council Member Goldstein.

This Ordinance will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting of the Hayward City Council, to be held on February 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Please note, the City Council will hold a hybrid meeting which will allow for participation in the Council Chamber and virtually via the Zoom platform.

The full text of this Ordinance is available for examination by the public by contacting the City Clerk’s office at cityclerk@hayward-ca.gov or (510) 583-4400.

Dated: February 20, 2026
Miriam Lens, City Clerk
City of Hayward