



Envisioning Ontario's Future

The Premier Community of the Inland Empire

Ontario residents enjoy services and facilities that few cities can rival. From first-rate fire and police departments, exemplary parks and recreational facilities, and senior and youth programs, these services and many others are what make Ontario a wonderful place to live, work, and visit.



Ontario prides itself on being able to maintain its high level of service through fiscal responsibility and operational efficiency. But despite having an operationally balanced budget, Ontario still faces challenges to fund critical infrastructure maintenance and enhancements.

The City has identified **approximately \$1.2 billion in unfunded infrastructure and neighborhood improvement projects** that, over time, will become more expensive to address.

To maintain and enhance service levels, the City Council is considering placing a revenue measure on the November 2022 ballot so voters can decide on the best way to fund the City's future.

The potential measure – tentatively called the **City of Ontario Local Services Measure** – would raise the local sales tax by 1%. If approved by Ontario's voters, this potential measure would generate an estimated **\$95 million each year of new and local revenue to maintain and enhance City services.**

PROJECTS & SERVICES

Additional revenue from a sales tax measure, could fund the following projects the City hopes to complete within the next 10 years:



Public Safety & 911 Emergency Response

\$41 MILLION in public safety enhancements including a Real Time Crime Center to monitor and prevent crimes, and two new police annex buildings supporting 25 additional police officers.



City-Wide Fiber Internet Services

\$118 MILLION to provide low-cost high-speed fiber optic services to residential, commercial and public spaces, establish free community WiFi access, and to enhance police and fire coordination and emergency response.



Local Drinking Water & Flood Control

\$242 MILLION in improvements to our water and sewer systems. This includes \$100 million in enhancements to our storm drain infrastructure, and a \$100 million Advanced Water Purification Facility to reclaim more than 2.9 billion gallons of wastewater per year and to help Ontario withstand drought conditions.



Parks, Recreation, & Community Beautification

\$59 MILLION to construct new park attractions and improvements to playgrounds, skate parks, picnic areas, snack bars, and citywide soccer and ballfields.



Homelessness & Mental Health

\$15 MILLION to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness and mental health illness with additional shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing featuring wraparound services.

LOCAL REVENUE

Currently, Ontario's local sales tax is 7.75%, but the City only receives a small portion of the sales tax revenue generated.

ONTARIO IS EXPECTED TO GENERATE NEARLY **\$736 MILLION** IN SALES TAX REVENUES *

* Estimates for 2022

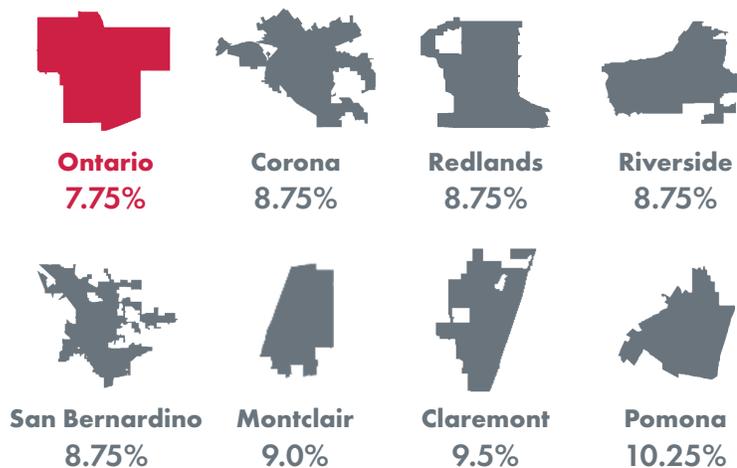


ADDITIONAL LOCAL REVENUE WITH 8.75% TAX RATE



Accountability provisions, such as public disclosure of all spending and annual independent financial audits, would ensure that revenue from this potential measure will be used to benefit Ontario residents and businesses.

SALES TAX RATES IN NEIGHBORING CITIES

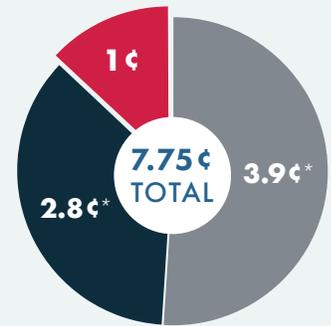


TAX BREAKDOWN OF \$1 PURCHASE WITH CURRENT 7.75% RATE

CITY OF ONTARIO

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



* Rounded to nearest tenth

AN 8.75% TAX RATE MEANS...



AN ADDITIONAL ONE PENNY PER \$1 SPENT ON QUALIFYING PURCHASES

and **DOES NOT** apply to:


groceries


prescription medicine


real estate & rent


personal services medical, legal, dental

The City is exploring long-term solutions to fund and enhance the services that Ontario residents and businesses have come to expect, all of which will allow Ontario to remain self-reliant and answerable to our residents. The City continues to engage all community members to learn what matters most to you and to ensure the growth and continued progress and prosperity of Ontario for future generations.

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