

Full Text of Measure R (2002 November)

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City of Scotts Valley Utility Users' Tax

The People of the City of Scotts Valley Do Ordain as Follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3.35 of the Scotts Valley Municipal Code ('Code') entitled 'Utility Users' Tax' which applies a four percent tax rate on all gas and electric charges in the City of Scotts Valley is hereby approved as set forth in Chapter 3.35 of the Code as of June 31, 2002, and the City is hereby authorized to continue to impose and collect the utility tax on a yearly basis as provided by the terms set out in Chapter 3.35 of the Code.

Section 2. In no event may the City Council alter the provisions of sections 3.35.040 and 3.35.050 which set the four percent tax rate on electrical and gas use without the approval of a majority of voters of the City voting on the question of the tax rate; provided, however, the City Council is hereby authorized to amend any other provision of Chapter 3.35 of the Code by three (3) affirmative votes of its members to, without limitation, carry out the general administrative purposes of Chapter 3.35 of the Code to reasonably implement the collection of the utility tax through public utilities and other service suppliers as authorized in Chapter 3.35 of the Code.

Section 3. It is the intent of the voters to apply the provisions of Chapter 3.35 of the Code retroactively to the fullest extent provided by law.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective only if approved by a majority of voters voting thereon and shall go into effect ten (10) days after the vote is declared by the City Council.