



## A Letter from the Blythe City Council

Dear Resident,

At the January 14, 2020, City Council meeting, the Council passed a resolution placing a local sales tax Measure on the May 5, 2020, all-mail ballot Election in the City of Blythe. The County has designated the sales tax proposal as Measure K. Measure K is a 1 cent local sales tax measure which, if approved by Blythe voters, would provide \$1 million in local funds per year for the benefit of the City of Blythe. These funds, generated locally, cannot be taken by the state or federal governments. The City can allocate funds raised through Measure K among essential services to address critical needs within the City of Blythe such as:

- Strengthen code enforcement, including removing dilapidated buildings making the City more attractive, to new business.
- Replace aging 9-1-1 dispatch systems. A modern system will help police officers and emergency medical personal respond more quickly.
- Replace the Fire Department's aging radio system, allowing them to be on the same system as the Police Department. An integrated system enables the Fire Depart. and emergency medical personnel to respond more quickly.
- Replace aging emergency equipment used by fire and police that benefit residents, such as turnout gear for firefighters.
- Keep up with necessary road repairs, maintenance to public utilities, and infrastructure that otherwise will be a lot more expensive to repair in the future.

Measure K includes language that requires the City to execute annual independent financial audits to ensure that all funds are spent locally. On the reverse side, you will find answers to many questions that the City has frequently answered recently regarding Measure K.

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