

**CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF
MEASURE A**

The City of Williams currently imposes a transient occupancy tax (TOT), also known as a hotel room tax, at the rate of 10 percent of the rent paid to occupy a room or other space in a hotel. This tax is generally paid by visitors to the City who stay at hotels located within the City. The TOT is imposed upon paying guests of hotels and other transient accommodations for the privilege of occupying a room or other hotel space for a period of thirty consecutive calendar days or less.

The passage of Measure A would amend the Williams Municipal Code to increase the TOT rate by two percent and establish a rate of 12 percent. The new TOT rate would be collected by operators of hotels at the time rent is paid for occupying a hotel room or other space.

Measure A is a general tax and may be used for any general governmental purpose of the City, such as police services, street maintenance and park maintenance. In order for the City to adopt the amendments to its Municipal Code establishing the new TOT rate, Measure A must be approved by a majority of the votes cast on the ballot proposition.

A YES vote on Measure A will approve the amendment to the Williams Municipal Code establishing the City's TOT rate at 12 percent.

A NO vote on Measure A will prohibit the City from adopting the amendment to the Williams Municipal Code establishing the City's TOT rate at 12 percent.

/s/ Ann M. Siprelle
City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure A. If you would like to read the full text of the measure, please call the elections official's office at (530) 473-5389 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. A copy will also be posted on the City's website, www.cityofwilliams.org.

**NO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE A WAS SUBMITTED**

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE A WAS SUBMITTED**

**CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF
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Currently, the offices of the City Treasurer and City Clerk are elected offices in the City of Williams. On May 19, 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 10-17 placing a proposition on the November 2, 2010 ballot regarding whether the City Treasurer and City Clerk should be appointive offices. Under state law, the citizens of Williams may designate the offices of the City Treasurer and City Clerk as appointive or elected offices.

If Measure B receives approval by a majority of the votes cast on the proposition, the proposition is adopted and the Williams City Council will appoint a City Treasurer and City Clerk beginning on the expiration of the term of the City Treasurer or City Clerk then in office, or upon a vacancy in the respective office. If Measure B receives approval by a majority of the votes cast on the proposition, the City Treasurer and City Clerk will hold office at the pleasure of the City Council and the City Treasurer and City Clerk will no longer be required to be a resident or elector of the City of Williams. The City Council may, by subsequent ordinance, vest the City Administrator with the authority to appoint the City Treasurer or City Clerk.

If Measure B receives approval by a majority of the votes cast on the proposition, the City Treasurer and City Clerk will be appointive offices unless a subsequent election is held and the voters reinstate the current selection process for either or both the City Treasurer and City Clerk.

A YES vote on Measure B would adopt the proposition. If the proposition is adopted, the City Treasurer and City Clerk will become appointive offices.

A NO vote on Measure B would keep the current selection process in place. The City Treasurer and City Clerk would remain elective offices.

/s/ Ann M. Siprelle
City Attorney

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