

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance adding a new Chapter 194 to Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to establish the Measure A Homelessness Fund and authorize the acceptance, receipt, retention, appropriation, and expenditure of funds received by the City of Los Angeles pursuant to the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions, and Prevention Now Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance (Measure A).

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2024, the voters of Los Angeles County approved the Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions, and Prevention Now Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance (Measure A), imposing a countywide one-half cent sales and use tax to fund homelessness services, affordable housing, homelessness prevention, and related purposes;

WHEREAS, Measure A became effective April 1, 2025, replacing the former Measure H quarter-cent sales tax for homeless services;

WHEREAS, Measure A establishes a Local Solutions Fund (LSF) within the Comprehensive Homelessness Services category and requires the County of Los Angeles (County) to allocate funds from the LSF to cities, Councils of Governments, and/or the County on behalf of its unincorporated areas;

WHEREAS, the County has established a formula for distributing LSF funds to eligible local jurisdictions, including the City of Los Angeles, based in part upon homelessness and other applicable measures;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles (City) is an eligible recipient of Measure A LSF funding and may receive additional Measure A-related allocations, reimbursements, grants, or other revenues pursuant to agreements, allocations, or funding programs administered by the County or other entities;

WHEREAS, the City has entered, or may enter, into one or more Memoranda of Agreement, funding agreements, reimbursement agreements, grant agreements, or similar instruments with the County concerning the receipt and use of Measure A funds;

WHEREAS, Measure A funds received by the City are restricted revenues and must be used in accordance with Measure A, applicable County requirements, applicable funding agreements, and all other applicable federal, State, County, and City laws, rules, and regulations;

WHEREAS, the City's fiscal year 2026-27 budget identifies Measure A Local Solutions Fund revenues to support community-level housing and homelessness initiatives, including ongoing homelessness interventions and related eligible costs;

WHEREAS, establishing a dedicated City fund will facilitate the proper accounting, receipt, retention, administration, reimbursement, appropriation, expenditure, reporting, and auditing of Measure A funds and will promote transparency and accountability in the use of such funds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to establish the Measure A Homelessness Fund in the Treasury of the City of Los Angeles for these purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Chapter 194 is added to Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 194

MEASURE A HOMELESSNESS FUND

Sec. 5.600. Creation and Administration of the Fund.

(a) There is hereby created and established within the Treasury of the City of Los Angeles a special fund to be known as the “**Measure A Homelessness Fund**” (Fund).

(b) The purpose of the Fund shall be to receive, retain, administer, appropriate, expend, and account for revenues and other funding received by the City pursuant to Measure A, including, but not limited to:

(c) Allocations from the Measure A Local Solutions Fund;

(d) Reimbursements of eligible expenditures made with respect to Measure A-funded programs or activities;

(e) Grants, allocations, advances, or other funding provided by the County or another governmental entity pursuant to Measure A;

(f) Interest and other earnings attributable to monies deposited in the Fund;

(g) Any other revenues lawfully designated for deposit into the Fund and used for purposes consistent with Measure A.

(h) The Fund shall be administered by the **City Administrative Officer (CAO)**, or the CAO’s designee, in coordination with the departments, offices, and other City entities responsible for implementing Measure A-funded programs.

(i) The CAO shall have authority, subject to applicable City Charter, Administrative Code, Municipal Code, budget, and fiscal policies, to establish such accounts, procedures, controls, and administrative mechanisms as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(j) The CAO, or the CAO's designee, is authorized to accept, on behalf of the City, Measure A funds allocated or awarded to the City by the County or another governmental entity when:

1. The funds are provided pursuant to Measure A or a program authorized by Measure A;

2. Acceptance of the funds does not require the City to provide matching funds, General Fund support, or other City resources beyond those previously authorized in the applicable budget, unless otherwise approved in accordance with applicable City law;

3. The acceptance and use of the funds are consistent with the purposes and requirements of Measure A; and

4. The City Attorney, where required by law or City policy, has approved the form and legality of the applicable agreement or instrument.

Acceptance of funds pursuant to this section shall remain subject to all applicable requirements of the City Charter, this Code, the Los Angeles Administrative Code, and other applicable law.

(k) The Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, and the CAO, or the CAO's designee, are authorized, subject to applicable City Charter and Los Angeles Administrative Code requirements, to negotiate and execute agreements, amendments, certifications, reimbursement documents, memoranda of agreement, and other instruments necessary to receive and administer Measure A funds.

Nothing in this section shall authorize execution of an agreement requiring City obligations, appropriations, matching funds, or other commitments in excess of authority otherwise granted by the City Council.

(l) All Measure A funds received by the City shall be deposited into the Fund and accounted for in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles and the policies and procedures of the City Controller and CAO.

(m) The Controller shall establish such accounts within the Fund as may be necessary to separately account for different Measure A programs, funding sources, fiscal years, restrictions, or funding agreements.

(n) Monies in the Fund shall be used only for eligible purposes authorized by Measure A and the applicable County allocation, funding agreement, reimbursement agreement, or other applicable funding instrument.

(o) No expenditure shall be made from the Fund that is inconsistent with the applicable restrictions, terms, conditions, or requirements governing the Measure A funds.

(p) To the extent that Measure A funds are subject to reimbursement requirements, the City may advance eligible costs from appropriated City funds and subsequently reimburse those expenditures from the Fund, consistent with applicable law and funding agreements.

(q) Any interest or other earnings attributable to monies in the Fund shall be credited to the Fund and shall be used for purposes consistent with the restrictions applicable to the underlying Measure A revenues, to the extent required by law or the applicable funding agreement.

(r) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made only pursuant to appropriations approved by the City Council, except to the extent otherwise authorized by the City Charter, Los Angeles Administrative Code, or other applicable law.

(s) The department or City entity designated by the Mayor or City Council to administer a Measure A-funded program shall administer expenditures from the applicable account in accordance with established City procedures and the applicable Measure A requirements.

(t) The CAO and Controller are authorized to establish procedures necessary to facilitate reimbursement of eligible City expenditures from Measure A funds.

Where permitted by the applicable Measure A funding agreement, the City may use appropriated funds to advance costs for eligible activities and subsequently deposit reimbursements received from the County or other funding entity into the Fund.

(u) The CAO, in coordination with the Controller and departments administering Measure A-funded programs, shall maintain records sufficient to demonstrate the receipt and expenditure of Measure A funds.

At least annually, the CAO shall provide to the Mayor and City Council a report identifying, to the extent applicable:

1. Measure A funds received by the City;
2. Amounts appropriated and expended;

3. The programs, services, projects, or activities supported by the Fund;
4. Amounts remaining available for expenditure;
5. Reimbursements received or outstanding;
6. Any significant compliance, audit, or reporting requirements; and
7. Such other information as may be required by Measure A, the County, the City Council, the Controller, or applicable funding agreements.

(v) The administration and expenditure of the Fund shall comply with all applicable requirements imposed by Measure A, the County of Los Angeles, the applicable Measure A spending plan, funding agreement, Memorandum of Agreement, reimbursement agreement, or other applicable funding instrument.

In the event of a conflict between this chapter and a mandatory requirement of Measure A or applicable law, the mandatory requirement shall control.

(w) Unless otherwise authorized by Measure A, applicable law, or the applicable funding agreement, monies in the Fund shall be used to supplement, and not unlawfully supplant, other funding sources supporting eligible homelessness, housing, prevention, or related activities.

(x) To the extent permitted by Measure A and the applicable funding agreement, monies remaining in the Fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the Fund and shall not revert to the Reserve Fund solely by reason of the close of the fiscal year.

Unexpended balances shall remain available for the purposes for which they were appropriated, subject to applicable reappropriation requirements.

(y) The CAO, Controller, and departments administering Measure A-funded programs may establish administrative procedures, accounting procedures, reporting requirements, and internal controls necessary to implement this chapter, provided that such procedures are consistent with the City Charter, this Code, Measure A, and applicable law.

(z) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to:

1. Limit or supersede the authority of the City Council under the City Charter or this Code;
2. Authorize the City to incur an obligation in excess of an appropriation;

3. Authorize the expenditure of Measure A funds for a purpose not permitted under Measure A or applicable law; or

4. Modify any requirement for approval by the Mayor, City Council, Controller, CAO, City Attorney, or any other City officer or entity otherwise required by law.

(aa) If any provision of this chapter, or its application to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter, and the application of its provisions to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication pursuant to applicable law.

Sec. 3. **URGENCY CLAUSE. [OPTIONAL]** If necessary to facilitate the timely acceptance and administration of Measure A funds allocated to the City, the City Council may determine that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety and adopt it as an urgency ordinance pursuant to applicable law.

Sec. 4. **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS.** The CAO, Controller, City Clerk, City Attorney, and all other appropriate City officers and departments are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or appropriate to implement this Ordinance, including establishing the Fund and related accounts and completing any necessary accounting, budget, contracting, reporting, or administrative actions.

Sec. 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles
hereby certifies that the foregoing
ordinance was passed by the Council
of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____