

1 [Calling from Committee - Committee of the Whole - Initiative Ordinance - Business and Tax
2 Regulations Code - Excise Tax on Keeping Parcels Last Used as Grocery Stores or
3 Pharmacies Vacant or Using Them Differently - July 21, 2026]

4 **Motion calling from the Budget and Finance Committee, pursuant to Board Rule 3.38,**
5 **the proposed Initiative Ordinance (File No. 260693) to impose an excise tax,**
6 **commencing in tax year 2027, on persons keeping vacant or using differently parcels**
7 **last used, in whole or in part, as formula retail grocery stores or formula retail**
8 **pharmacies on or after January 1, 2017; and scheduling the Board of Supervisors to sit**
9 **as a Committee of the Whole at the meeting on July 21, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. to hold a**
10 **public hearing to consider the proposed Initiative Ordinance.**

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12 WHEREAS, On June 9, 2026, the proposed Initiative Ordinance (File No. 260693) to
13 impose an excise tax, commencing in tax year 2027, on persons keeping vacant or using
14 differently parcels last used, in whole or in part, as formula retail grocery stores or formula
15 retail pharmacies on or after January 1, 2017 ("Initiative Ordinance"), was introduced and
16 assigned to the Budget and Finance Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, The 30-day hold, pursuant to Municipal Elections Code, Section 305,
18 expired on July 9, 2026, and the first available regular meeting to consider the Initiative
19 Ordinance at the Budget and Finance Committee was July 15, 2026; and

20 WHEREAS, The Initiative Ordinance was not scheduled for the July 15, 2026, Budget
21 and Finance Committee regular meeting; therefore, the truncated timeframe no longer
22 provides for ample time to consider the Initiative Ordinance and consider possible
23 amendments, on a regular schedule, before the deadline to submit the Initiative Ordinance to
24 the Department of Elections; and

1 WHEREAS, This Motion to call the Initiative Ordinance from committee to a Committee
2 of the Whole must be approved prior to the July 21, 2026, Committee of the Whole hearing
3 and the Rules Committee will be requested to schedule this Motion for a hearing on July 20,
4 2026, and Committee Report it to the full Board of Supervisors for consideration on July 21,
5 2026, before the Committee of the Whole is held; now, therefore, be it

6 MOVED, That under Rule 3.38 of the Board's Rules of Order, the Board hereby orders
7 that the proposed Initiative Ordinance (File No. 260693) be called from the Budget and
8 Finance Committee and be returned to the Board of Supervisors at the Regular Meeting on
9 July 21, 2026; and, be it

10 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors convene as a Committee of the
11 Whole on July 21, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., to hold a public hearing on the proposed Initiative
12 Ordinance; and, be it

13 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board, due
14 to the truncated timeframe, to agendize the Committee of the Whole hearing and the
15 proposed Initiative Ordinance (File No. 260693) on the July 21, 2026, Board of Supervisors
16 regular meeting agenda in anticipation of this Motion being approved on the same day.