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FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee *Victor Young*
Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 18, 2026

SUBJECT: INITIATIVE ORDINANCE INTRODUCED
November 3, 2026

The Board of Supervisors' Budget and Finance Committee has received the following Initiative Ordinance for the November 3, 2026, Election. This matter is being **referred** to you in accordance with Rules of Order 2.22.4.

File No. 260693 (ver1)

**Initiative Ordinance - Business and Tax Regulations Code - Excise Tax on Keeping Parcels
Last Used as Grocery Stores or Pharmacies Vacant or Using Them
Differently**

Motion ordering submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 3, 2026, an Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to impose an excise tax, commencing in tax year 2027, on persons keeping vacant or using differently parcels last used, in whole or in part, as formula retail grocery stores or formula retail pharmacies on or after January 1, 2017; and increasing the City's appropriations limit by the amount collected under the tax for four years from November 3, 2026.

Please review and submit any reports or comments you wish to be included with the legislative file.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (415) 554-7723 or email: victor.young@sfgov.org. To submit documentation, please forward to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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