

## Measure F <br> Measure O <br> TOTAL: $\$ 232,810$ <br> TOTAL: \$232,810 <br> ( $\downarrow$ - $-15.8 \%$ <br> ( ) $-15.8 \%$

## 兆 <br> CITY OF CAPITOLA HIGHLIGHTS

Capitola's receipts from July through September were $1.1 \%$ above the third sales period in 2019. Excluding reporting adjustments, actual receipts were down $6.1 \%$ as a $48 \%$ increase in the City's allocation from the countywide use tax pool offset a $15 \%$ drop in local sales activity.

The pool allocation grew as the result of a $50 \%$ jump in the size of the use tax pool as sales by online vendors continued a record setting pace started in the prior quarter.

This quarter saw a drop in sales for all business categories except construction, which benefitted from
the recent opening of a new sales outlet.

Measure F collected $\$ 240,230$ while Measure O brought in $\$ 244,577$ this quarter. The difference in amounts is due to the posting of an adjustment that affected Measure F's total only. Ignoring all reporting adjustments, both district taxes posted a decline of $15.8 \%$ with all business segments except construction reflecting less activity.

Net of adjustments, taxable sales for those of the entire Central Coast region were down 1.6\% over the comparable time period.

Ajs Fuel Market Of Capitola
Bed Bath \& Beyond
BevMo
Big 5
Capitola Coast
Capitola Shell
CVS Pharmacy
Kohls
Lucky
Macys
Margaritaville
Nob Hill General Store
O Neill Surf Shop
Outdoor Supply
Hardware

Pizza My Heart
Ross
Santa Cruz Subaru
Santa Cruz Toyota
Sierra Utility Sales
Target
Toyota Lease Trust
Trader Joes
Ulta Beauty
Whole Foods Market
Zelda's on the Beach

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## STATEWIDE RESULTS

The local one-cent sales and use tax from sales occurring July through September was $0.9 \%$ lower than the same quarter one year ago after factoring for accounting anomalies. The losses were primarily concentrated in coastal regions and communities popular with tourists while much of inland California including the San Joaquin Valley, Sacramento region and Inland Empire exhibited gains.

Generally, declining receipts from fuel sales, brick and mortar retail and restaurants were the primary factors leading to this quarter's overall decrease. The losses were largely offset by a continuing acceleration in online shopping that produced huge gains in the county use tax pools where tax revenues from purchases shipped from out-ofstate are allocated and in revenues allocated to jurisdictions with in-state fulfillment centers and order desks.

Additional gains came from a generally solid quarter for autos, RV's, food-drugs, sporting goods, discount warehouses, building material suppliers and home improvement purchases. Some categories of agricultural and medical supplies/ equipment also did well.

Although the slight decline in comparable third quarter receipts reflected a significant recovery from the immediate previous period's deep decline, new coronavirus surges and reinstated restrictions from 2020's Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings compounded by smaller federal stimulus programs suggest more significant drops in forthcoming revenues from December through March sales.

Additionally, the past few quarter's gains in county pool receipts that were generated by the shift to online shopping plus last
year's implementation of the Wayfair v. South Dakota Supreme Court decision will level out after the first quarter of 2021.

Much of the initial demand for computers and equipment to accommodate home schooling and remote workplaces has been satisfied. Manufacturers are also reporting that absenteeism, sanitation protocols, inventory and imported parts shortages have reduced production capacity that will not be regained until mass vaccines have been completed, probably by the fall of 2021.

Significant recovery is not anticipated until 2021-22 with full recovery dependent on the specific character and make up
of each jurisdiction's tax base. Part of the recovery will be a shift back to nontaxable services and activities. Limited to access because of pandemic restrictions, consumers spent $72 \%$ less on services during the third quarter and used the savings to buy taxable goods.

Full recovery may also look different than before the pandemic. Recent surveys find that 3 out of 4 consumers have discovered new online alternatives and half expect to continue these habits which suggests that the part of the recent shift of revenues allocated through countywide use tax pools and industrial distribution centers rather than stores will become permanent.

## REVENUE BY BUSINESS GROUP <br> Capitola This Quarter*


*ADJUSTED FOR ECONOMIC DATA

## TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES

| Business Type | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Capitola } \\ & \text { Q3 '20* } \end{aligned}$ | Change | County Change | HdL State Change |
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| Casual Dining | 74.2 | -33.2\% | -32.6\% | -37.8\% |
| Grocery Stores | 65.7 | -6.0\% | -0.4\% | 7.2\% |
| Quick-Service Restaurants | 52.9 | -13.6\% | -19.5\% | -10.4\% |
| Service Stations | 47.9 | -26.5\% | -27.7\% | -29.0\% |
| Home Furnishings | 39.9 | -0.7\% | 6.7\% | -3.3\% |
| Specialty Stores | 37.4 | -17.4\% | -8.7\% | -8.5\% |
| Sporting Goods/Bike Stores | 33.3 | -11.4\% | 22.1\% | 22.0\% |
| Family Apparel | 33.1 | -30.1\% | -23.0\% | -24.4\% |
| Drug Stores | 31.6 | -4.1\% | -5.1\% | -0.5\% |
| Convenience Stores/Liquor | 29.6 | 15.0\% | 3.8\% $\uparrow$ */n thousands of dollars |  |
| *Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity |  |  |  |  |

