

**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-19**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TITLE FOR AND SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE ON APRIL 2, 2019 A MEASURE TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL CITY SALES AND USE TAX OF .25% AND TO RETAIN AND SPEND REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AS DEFINED BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND EXPEND THE REVENUE FOR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS**

**RECITALS:**

The Grand Junction City Council at its January 28, 2019 meeting considered placing a question on the April ballot asking the City electors to approve an additional sales and use tax of .25% to fund transportation network improvements including without limitation:

- Building regional road projects such as 29 Road and I-70 interchange, widening 25 Road, widening 24 Road and constructing an interchange at 24 Road and the Riverside Parkway and, construction of the F1/2 Road Parkway; and,
- Improving rural "farm" roads in the North, Redlands, Orchard Mesa and Pear Park areas of the City by constructing turn lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes, curb, gutter and comparable improvements. Locations proposed for improvements include 23 Road, 24½ Road, 26 Road, 26½ Road, 27 Road, 27½ Road, B1/2 Road, D Road, D1/2 Road, E Road, F½ Road, G Road and South Broadway.

If the ballot measure is approved, the city-wide sales and use tax will increase from two and three quarter percent (2.75%) to three percent (3.00%).

Because of continued growth in the community and the increasing demands on the City's transportation network, the City Council supports the ballot question and believes that passage of the question is vital to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Grand Junction and the greater community. Sufficient roads, streets and transportation facilities are important attributes for community strength and well-being; with passage of the ballot measure the community will benefit by having an improved transportation network to address current and future growth, provide for efficient movement of people, goods and services and improve safety for all users.

It has been shown in recent studies that a significant portion of the City's general government revenue is derived from sales tax paid by visitors, out of area shoppers/non-City residents. Because the City is principally funded by sales tax, the tax burden on City residents is reduced and accordingly sales tax funding provides a means of sharing the cost of the delivery of services to all potential users.

The ballot title is set based upon the requirements of the Colorado Constitution and the City Charter and, pursuant to Section 31-11-102, C.R.S., is an alternative to the provisions of Section 31-11-111, C.R.S. regarding both a title and a submission clause. Pursuant to Section 31-10-1308, C.R.S., any election contest arising out of a ballot issue or ballot question election concerning the order of the ballot or the form or content of the ballot title shall be commenced by petition filed with the proper court within five days after the title of the ballot issue or ballot question is set.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

The following question shall be submitted to the registered electors at the regular municipal election on April 2, 2019.

SHALL CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION TAXES BE INCREASED \$5,300,000 ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE STARTING IN 2020), AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, WHICH REVENUES SHALL BE GENERAL FUNDS OF THE CITY AND EXPENDED FOR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION BUILDING ROAD PROJECTS SUCH AS 29 ROAD AND I-70 INTERCHANGE, 24 ROAD WIDENING, CONSTRUCTION OF THE F1/2 ROAD PARKWAY, IMPROVING RURAL "FARM" ROADS IN THE NORTH AREA, REDLANDS, ORCHARD MESA AND PEAR PARK BY CONSTRUCTING TURN LANES, SIDEWALKS, BIKE LANES, CURB, GUTTER AND COMPARABLE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH AN ADDITIONAL CITY-WIDE SALES AND USE TAX OF ONE QUARTER PERCENT (.25%) WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF ONE QUARTER CENT ON EACH TEN DOLLAR PURCHASE WITH THE INCREASED SALES AND USE TAX AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES CONSTITUTING A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

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Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

  
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President of the Council

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

