

**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-19**

**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 .50% 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 POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, EMPLOYEES, STATIONS AND FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES**

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 .50% to fund police, fire and emergency medical services including without limitation:

- Building, equipping and staffing new fire stations to improve response times/delivery of emergency medical, fire and rescue services; and,
- Hiring, employing, training and equipping police officers, firefighters and emergency medical service (EMS) personnel (collectively First Responders) and employees such as 9-1-1 emergency dispatch, code enforcement and forensic laboratory personnel that support First Responders and delivery of First Responder services.

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 and one quarter percent (3.25%).

Because of continued growth in the community and the increasing demands growth has placed on the City's First Responders, 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. Police and Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are important attributes for community strength and well-being; with passage of the ballot measure the community will benefit by having improved staffing and facilities to offer essential services people need and want.

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 \$10,600,000 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 POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND STATIONS INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION:

- BUILDING, EQUIPPING AND STAFFING NEW FIRE STATIONS AND
- HIRING, EMPLOYING, TRAINING AND EQUIPPING POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) PERSONNEL (FIRST RESPONDERS) AND 9-1-1 EMERGENCY DISPATCH, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDER SUPPORT EMPLOYEES

THROUGH AN ADDITIONAL CITY-WIDE SALES AND USE TAX OF ONE HALF PERCENT (.50%) WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF ONE HALF 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

