

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI, PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021 TO ALLOW QUALIFIED VOTERS TO CONSIDER CONTINUING THE EXISTING ONE HALF CENT (1/2 CENT) TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, on February 4, 1997, Nevada voters approved a one-half cent (1/2 cent) Transportation Sales Tax pursuant to RSMo., Section 94.700 *et seq.* (the "Transportation Sales Tax"), with a five-year sunset provision, to remain effective until 2001, and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Sales Tax has been renewed by the voters in 2001, 2006, 2011, and 2016, and

WHEREAS, for more than twenty years the Transportation Sales Tax has proven to be a crucial funding source for the ongoing improvement and maintenance of the streets of the City of Nevada including resurfacing and construction of streets and installation and replacement of curbs and guttering, and

WHEREAS, as with the prior renewals of the Transportation Sales Tax, passage of the one-half (1/2 cent) Transportation Sales Tax would *not* increase Nevada's sales tax rate from its current level, as the new Transportation Sales Tax would simply replace the expiring one-half cent (1/2 cent) Transportation Sales Tax, and

WHEREAS, having determined that the Transportation Sales Tax is vital to City's ability to continue to provide for annual repair and maintenance projects and to fund the completion of remaining and additional major roadway construction, the City Council finds it necessary to ask the voters to extend the sales tax by adopting a new one-half cent (1/2 cent) Transportation Sales Tax, and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit to the qualified voters of Nevada, at the April 6, 2021 Election, the question of whether or not to continue the existing one-half cent (1/2 cent) Transportation Sales Tax for the transportation purposes as defined in Section 94.700 RSMo without expiration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI THAT:

Section 1. SALES TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION. To permit the voters to determine this issue, the Council hereby continues a sales tax in the amount of \$.005 for transportation purposes in accordance with Section 94.700 – Section 94.755, RSMo., subject to voter approval, and orders that the issue shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters at the April 6, 2021 City election.

Section 2. BALLOT LANGUAGE. The language of the question to be presented shall be as follows:

PROPOSITION

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: If you are in favor of the question, place an “X” in the box opposite “YES.” If you are opposed to the question, place an “X” in the box opposite “NO.”

Shall the City of Nevada continue to impose the existing sales tax of one-half cent (1/2 cent) for transportation purposes including repair and construction of existing Nevada streets and sidewalks and/or installation or replacement of curbs and guttering? All funds collected each year shall be deposited to the Street Fund for this purpose.

[] YES

[] NO

Section 3. IMPOSITION OF TAX. The existing Transportation Sales Tax of one-half cent (1/2 cent), if approved by the qualified electors of the April 6, 2021 election, shall be continued without expiration.

Section 4. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE. The Election authority will be requested to publish the required notices of election under Section 115.127.2 RSMo, in two newspapers of different political faith qualified under Chapter 493, RSMo, published within the City. Notice shall be published twice, the first publication occurring in the second week prior to the election, the second within one week prior to the election.

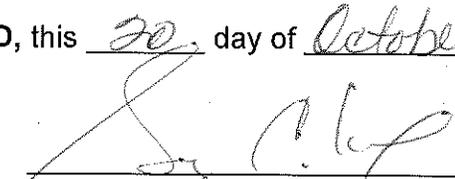
Section 5. PAYMENT OF ESTIMATED COSTS OF ELECTION AND CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION. Upon receipt of the estimate of the election costs from the County Clerk, the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to remit to the County Clerk the amount of the estimated costs and, upon completion of the election, is authorized and

directed to remit to the County Clerk the precise amount of the remaining costs when billed.

Section 6. CANVASS OF ELECTION RESULTS. The Election authority, in accordance with Chapter 115, RSMo, with its committee of judges is requested under said statute to canvass the election results and to refer to the City the abstract of election.

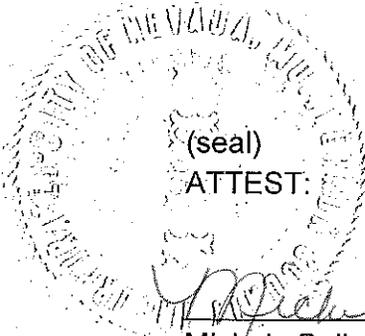
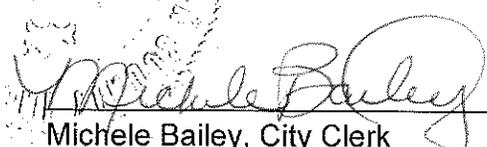
Section 7. CERTIFICATION TO COUNTY CLERK. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to certify to the County Clerk of Vernon County, Missouri, immediately, a certified copy of this ordinance and a sample ballot which shall be the authority of the Election Authority to conduct said election, provide the ballot, and give notice thereof in conformity with the law.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, this 20 day of October, 2020.



George Knox, Mayor

(seal)
ATTEST:

Michele Bailey, City Clerk