

ORDINANCE 2017-02
CITY OF HIGHLAND, ARKANSAS

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Highland, Arkansas (the City"), has determined that there is a great need for immediate improvement of municipal services and for a source of revenue to finance such services; and

WHEREAS Title 26, Chapter 75, Subchapter 2 of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated (the "Authorizing Legislation") provides for the levy of a one-half of one percent (0.50%) citywide sales and use tax;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Highland, Arkansas:

Section 1. Under the authority of the Authorizing Legislation, there is hereby levied a one-half of one percent (0.50%) tax on the gross receipts from the sale at retail within the City of all items which are subject to the Arkansas Gross Receipts Act of 1941, as amended (A.C.A. §26-52-101, et seq.), and the imposition of an excise (or use) tax on the storage, use, distribution or other consumption within the City of tangible personal property subject to the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, as amended (A.C.A. §26-53-101, et seq.), at a rate of one-half of one percent (0.05%) of the sale price of the property or, in the case of leases or rentals, of the lease or rental price (collectively, the "Sales and Use Tax").

Section 2. The use of the revenue produced by the collection of this one-half of one percent (0.50%) sales and use tax shall be restricted to use by the Street Department, Fire Department and/or Police Department of the City.

Section 3. That all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall not take effect until an election is held on the question of levying the Sales and Use Tax at which a majority of the electors voting on the question shall have approved the levy of the Sales and Use Tax, and this Ordinance shall take effect upon and after the termination of a one-half of one percent Sales and Use Tax currently being collected in the City for use solely to retire the bonds and obligations with respect thereto issued to fund construction of a sanitary sewer system in the City.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL.

DATED: April 17, 2017

APPROVED: _____
Russell Truitt, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Mary R. Wiles, Recorder/Treasurer