

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1858**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, PLACING ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024, ELECTION BALLOT THE QUESTION OF ADOPTING A DEDICATED TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX OF NINETY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.95%), FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY WITHIN THE CITY, TAKING EFFECT ON APRIL 1, 2025, AND THEN REDUCING TO SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.75%) BY DECEMBER 31, 2035**

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 7 of the Prescott City Charter requires that no transaction privilege tax shall be levied at a rate in excess of the base one percent (1%) rate unless such rate is approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question at a special or general election; and

WHEREAS, the City aims to reduce response times for its residents in need of Fire Department and Police services while continuing to provide other services to City residents; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve response times and other public safety efficiencies, the City must renovate existing Police and Fire stations, build additional fire stations, as well as other infrastructure for Police and Fire, such as a location to securely store property and evidence; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure such facilities benefit the citizens of Prescott, the City must also fund properly trained personnel to staff such locations; and

WHEREAS, the current General Fund operating revenue is not sufficient to support increased public safety service level needs; and

WHEREAS, a municipal transaction privilege tax is the only source of City revenue available to pay for ongoing staffing of new public safety infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a new transaction privilege tax would be to increase the City's budget for public safety to meet the needs stated herein, and not to replace current operating expenditures; and

WHEREAS, an election regarding a transaction privilege tax may be held at any special or general election; and

WHEREAS, elections are already being held on November 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to place on the November 5, 2024 ballot a question to be submitted to the voters of whether to adopt a transaction privilege tax of ninety-five hundredths of one percent (0.95%), taking effect on April 1, 2025, and then reducing to seventy-five hundredths of one percent (0.75%) by December 31, 2035.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT AS FOLLOWS:

**ENACTMENTS:**

**SECTION 1.** THAT the City of Prescott shall hold a special election on November 5, 2024, and a question shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Prescott of whether to adopt a transaction privilege tax of ninety-five hundredths of one percent (0.95%), taking effect on April 1, 2025, and then reducing to seventy-five hundredths of one percent (0.75%) by December 31, 2035.

**SECTION 2.** THAT the ballot language for such special election shall read as follows:

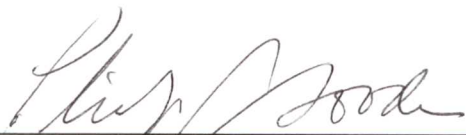
**Shall the City of Prescott adopt a dedicated transaction privilege tax of ninety-five hundredths of one percent (0.95%), taking effect on April 1, 2025, and then reducing to seventy-five hundredths of one percent (0.75%) by December 31, 2035, the revenue from which shall be contributed to the City’s general fund for the sole purpose of improving funding public safety services within the City.**

**A “yes” vote shall have the effect of adopting the dedicated transaction privilege tax of ninety-five hundredths of one percent (0.95%), reducing to seventy-five hundredths of one percent (0.75%) by December 31, 2035, the revenue from which shall be contributed to the City’s general fund for the sole purpose of funding public safety services within the City.**

**A “no” vote shall have the effect of not adopting a dedicated transaction privilege tax which would have contributed to the City’s general fund for the sole purpose of funding public safety services within the City thereby limiting funding opportunities for public safety services within the City.**

**SECTION 3.** THAT the Mayor and staff are hereby authorized to take any and all steps deemed necessary to accomplish the foregoing.

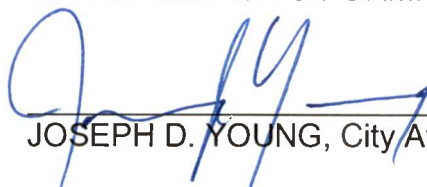
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Prescott, Arizona on this 14th day of May, 2024.

  
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PHILIP R. GOODE, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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SARAH M. SLEP, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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JOSEPH D. YOUNG, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION OF RECORDING OFFICER

STATE OF ARIZONA )  
County of Yavapai ) ss.

I, the undersigned Sarah M. Siep, being the duly appointed, qualified City Clerk of the City of Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2024-1858 is a true, correct and accurate copy of Ordinance No. 2024-1858 passed and adopted at a Voting Meeting of the Council of the City of Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, held on the 14 day of May 2024, at which a quorum was present and, by a 7-0 vote, all voted in favor of said ordinance.

Given under my hand and sealed this 16 day of May, 2024.



Sarah M. Siep  
City Clerk