ORDINANCE NO. 4509

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AT A SPECIAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CITY SHALL IMPOSE A LOCAL USE TAX AT THE SAME RATE AS THE MUNICIPAL SALES TAX TO BE USED TO FULLY FUND PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS WITH ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS BEING APPLIED TO OTHER GENERAL FUND NEEDS AND PRESCRIBING A FORM OF BALLOT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City of Rolla voters have approved local sales taxes, as defined in Section 32.085 RSMo, at the current rate of 2.25%; and

WHEREAS, The City is authorized, under 144.757 RSMo, to impose a local use tax at a rate equal to the rate of the local sales taxes in effect in the City, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the Council of the City of Rolla, Missouri, to be in the public interest to submit to the electors of the City of Rolla at a Special Election to be held in the City of Rolla on November 5, 2019, the question of whether or not to impose a Local Use Tax at the same rate as the local municipal sales tax for the purpose of improving public safety and capital improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That there be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Rolla, Missouri, at a Special Election to be held on the 5th day of November, 2019, the following question concerning whether the City of Rolla shall impose a Local Use Sales Tax, pursuant to the provisions of RSMo §144.757, et. seq., said question to be as follows:

“SHALL THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, IMPOSE A LOCAL USE TAX TO BE USED TO FULLY FUND PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS WITH ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS BEING APPLIED TO OTHER GENERAL FUND NEEDS AT THE SAME RATE AS THE TOTAL LOCAL SALES TAX RATE, CURRENTLY 2.25%, PROVIDED THAT IF THE LOCAL SALES TAX RATE IS REDUCED OR RAISED BY VOTER APPROVAL, THE LOCAL USE TAX RATE SHALL ALSO BE REDUCED OR RAISED BY THE SAME ACTION? A USE TAX RETURN SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY PERSONS WHOSE PURCHASES FROM OUT-OF-STATE VENDORS DO NOT IN TOTAL EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR.

YES NO

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”. 4509
Section 2. That said election shall be governed in all things by the provisions of the statutes of Missouri and the Ordinances of the City of Rolla, Missouri, relating to elections in the City; that said election shall be held at the respective voting districts of said City as set out in a Notice to be published by the County Clerk of Phelps County, Missouri, according to law. Said Notice shall include the question to be submitted as set forth herein, to be published by the County Clerk of Phelps County, in a paper of general circulation in Rolla, Missouri, the publications of which to occur in accordance with Missouri law.

Section 3. That for purposes of this ordinance the phrase “public safety needs” shall include police and fire compensation, equipment, additional personnel, personnel-related expenses, and facilities for police, fire, animal-care and related emergency services.

Section 4. That the City Clerk shall canvas the results of the election as verified by the Phelps County Clerk and report the same to the Council at the next scheduled Council meeting following the election. If approved by the qualified voters of Rolla, Missouri, the City Clerk shall forward to the Director of Revenue of the State of Missouri a certified copy of this ordinance together with certifications of the election returns and accompanied by a map of the City clearly showing the boundaries thereof within ten (10) days after approval.

Section 5. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its adoption and approval.


APPROVED

Louis J. Magdits IV, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol L. Daniels, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lance B. Thurman, City Counselor

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