

ORDINANCE NO. 20-65

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, FOR THE ADOPTION OF AN ADDITIONAL SECTION 4A TYPE A (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE-EIGHTH (1/8) OF ONE PERCENT FOR THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AND EXPANDED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 16-35 the citizens of Port Arthur approved a proposition for the implementation of a Street Maintenance Sales Tax for a period of four years; and

WHEREAS, this proposition also reduced the previously existing Section 4A Type A (Economic Development Corporation) sales and use of 1/2 percent by 1/8 to facilitate the implementation of a Street Maintenance Sales Tax. The Street Maintenance Sales Tax was set to expire in September of 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the postponement of the May Election due to COVID-19, the City requested the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to extend the Street Maintenance Sales Tax through December 31, 2020 as stated in Attachment "A"; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020 the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts approved the request to extend the Street Maintenance Sales Tax through December 31, 2020 as stated in Attachment "B"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation has requested that the City Council consider a proposition be placed on the November 3, 2020 election ballot related to the use of sales and use tax; and

WHEREAS, the proposition is for the adoption of an additional sales and use tax for the promotion and development of new and expanded business enterprises at the rate of one-eighth (1/8) of one percent. This proposition would reinstate the 1/8 percent that was reduced in 2016;

thereby, reinstating the existing 4A Sales and Use tax to a rate of one-half (1/2 percent) of one percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR:

Section 1. That the facts and opinions in the preamble are true and correct.

Section 2. That the following proposition, authorizing the voting for or against the proposition, be placed on the November 3, 2020 election ballot:

“The adoption of an additional sales and use tax to be utilized for the existing Section 4A (Type A Economic Development Corporation) for the promotion and development of new and expanded business enterprises at the rate of one-eighth (1/8) of one percent.”

Thereby, resulting in a total Section 4A Sales and Use Tax of one-half (1/2) of one percent.

Section 3. That a copy of the caption of this Ordinance be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council.

Section 4. That the ordinance shall be effective immediately.

READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of July A.D., 2020, at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Arthur, Texas, by the following vote:

AYES:

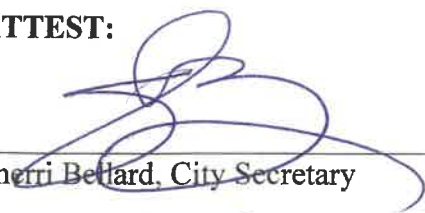
Mayor Bartie; Mayor Pro Tem Mases

Councilmembers Scott, Kirlaw, Isucet and Frank

NOES: None



Thurman "Bill" Bartie, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sherri Bellard, City Secretary

APPROVED:

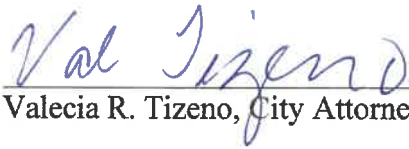


Floyd Batiste, PAEDC CEO

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Guy N. Goodson, PAEDC Attorney



Valecia R. Tizen, City Attorney