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CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

1003 Broadway
Van Buren, AR 72956

I, Shawna M. Reynolds, the duly elected, qualified and acting City Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Van Buren, Arkansas do hereby certify that the attached Ordinance, 23-2025 is a true and correct copy of the original which was adopted by the City Council of the City of Van Buren, Arkansas at its special meeting held on the 8th day of December, 2025.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said City of Van Buren as of the 9th day of December 2025.

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Shawna M. Reynolds
City Clerk-Treasurer

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ORDINANCE NO. 23 -2025

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A CITY-WIDE ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%) SALES AND USE TAX; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Van Buren, Arkansas (the "City") has passed Ordinance No. 22-2025 (the "Tax Ordinance") providing for the levy of a 0.5% sales and use tax within the City (the "Sales and Use Tax"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to call a special election on the question of the levy of the Sales and Use Tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. There is hereby called a special election to be held on March 3, 2026, at which election there shall be submitted to the electors of the City the question of the levy of the Sales and Use Tax.

SECTION 2. The question of levying the Sales and Use Tax shall be placed on the ballot for the election in substantially the following form:

0.5% SALES AND USE TAX

Adoption of a 0.5% local sales and use tax within the City of Van Buren, the net collections of which remaining after deduction of the administrative charges of the State of Arkansas and required rebates will be used for one or more of the following: (a) to pay and secure the repayment of bonds approved by the voters and issued by the City from time to time to finance capital improvements, (b) for park and recreational purposes and (c) for fire, police and other emergency services purposes. The levy of the tax is not dependent on any bonds being approved or issued.

FOR..... ☐

AGAINST ☐

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SECTION 3. The election shall be held and conducted and the vote canvassed and the results declared under the law and in the manner now provided for municipal elections and only qualified voters of the City shall have the right to vote at the election.

SECTION 4. The results of the election shall be proclaimed by the Mayor, and such Proclamation shall be published one time in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City, which Proclamation shall advise that the results as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless attacked in the courts within thirty days after the date of publication.

SECTION 5. A copy of this Ordinance shall be (a) filed with the Crawford County Clerk at least 70 days prior to the election date and (b) given to the Crawford County Board of Election Commissioners so that the necessary election officials and supplies may be provided. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall also be provided to the Commissioner of Revenues of the State of Arkansas as soon as practical.

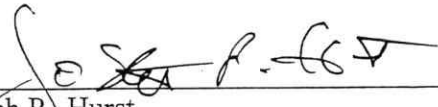
SECTION 6. The Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City, are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to call and hold the special election as herein provided and, if the levy of the Sales and Use Tax is approved by the electors, to cause the Sales and Use Tax to be collected, and to perform all acts of whatever nature necessary to carry out the authority conferred by this Ordinance.


SECTION 7. Following adoption, this Ordinance shall be posted in the following public places in the City as set forth in Ordinance No. 04-2019 and Ordinance No. 10-2025: Van Buren Municipal Complex, Van Buren Library, Van Buren Police Department, Van Buren Senior Center and Crawford County District Court Building.

SECTION 8. All ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

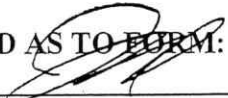
SECTION 9. The provisions of this Ordinance are separable and if a section, phrase or provision shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Van Buren, Arkansas, by its City Council, did pass, approve, and adopt, by a vote of 5 for and 0 against, the foregoing Ordinance at its Special Meeting held on the 8th day of December 2025.


Joseph P. Hurst
Mayor

ATTESTED:

Shawwna M. Reynolds
City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Jacob Howell
City Attorney

