



MOTION: GRAHAM

**May 28, 2024
Regular Meeting
Ordinance No. 24-09**

SECOND: FRYE

RE: Increasing the Tax on Admissions to Events and Places of Amusement or Entertainment in the City

ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 7; Nays: 0

FIRST READ: April 23, 2024

SECOND READ: May 28, 2024

Sec. I. Introduction.

The Code of Virginia Section 58.1-3840 authorizes localities to impose various excise taxes, including taxes on admissions. The City of Fredericksburg has enacted a tax on admission to events and places of amusement or entertainment within the City in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in Chapter 70, Article XII of the City Code.

The City Council finds it necessary to raise the admissions tax in conjunction with the fiscal year 2025 budget in order to meet the operating costs of the City. A duly advertised public hearing was held on this matter on April 16, 2024.

Sec. II. City Code amendment.

It is hereby ordained by the City Council of the City of Fredericksburg that Chapter 70, "Taxation," Article XIII, "Admissions Tax," § 70-542, "Levy of tax; rates," is amended to add the underlined text and delete the language shown in strikethrough as follows:

§ 70-542 Levy of tax; rates.

All admission to events and places of amusement or entertainment, as defined in the preceding section and not exempt under § 70-542.1, shall be subject to an admissions tax on the amount paid for the admission. Such tax shall be paid by every person who pays an admission charge to such place of amusement or entertainment and shall be assessed as follows:

- A. If the admission charge is greater than \$0.25 but not greater than \$1, the tax shall be \$0.01 for each \$0.20 or fraction thereof in excess of \$0.09 of the amount of the admission charge.
- B. If the admission charge is greater than \$1, the tax shall be 67% of the total stated admission charge. For purposes of determining the tax due, amounts in excess of five mills shall be assessed at the next highest cent.

- C. Where the admission charge is \$0.25 or less, no tax shall be payable. Amounts paid for admission by season tickets or subscription shall be exempt only if the amount to be charged the holder or subscriber for a single admission is \$0.25 or less.

Sec. III. Effective date.

This ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2024.

Votes:

Ayes: Devine, Frye, Duffy, Gerlach, Graham, Holmes, Mackintosh

Nays: None

Absent from Vote: None


Absent from Meeting: None

Approved as to form:


Kelly J. Lackey, City Attorney

Clerk's Certificate

I, the undersigned, certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 24-09 duly adopted at a meeting of the City Council meeting held May 28, 2024 at which a quorum was present and voted.



Tonya B. Lacey, MMC
Clerk of Council