

BILL NO. 23-016

ORDINANCE NO. 23-016

SUBJECT MATTER: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A SALES TAX UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 321.242 RSMo. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES FIRE DEPARTMENT. THIS ORDINANCE TO BE CONDITIONED UPON APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION WHICH IS AUTHORIZED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 321.242 RSMo, the governing body of any municipality having a municipal fire department may impose by ordinance a sales tax for the operation of such municipal fire department on all retail sales made in the municipality which are subject to taxation pursuant to the provisions of Sections 144.010 to 144.526, RSMo.

WHEREAS, no ordinance enacted pursuant to the authority granted by the provision of Section 321.242 RSMo, shall be effective until it has been submitted to the qualified voters of the city and approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No.17-020 was passed on Dec. 12, 2017 and submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Versailles the ballot question of whether the City of Versailles shall impose a sales tax of 1/4 of 1% to provide revenues for the operation of the City of Versailles Fire Department and on April 3, 2018, the fire sales tax was approved by the voters.

WHEREAS, the imposed fire sales tax has contributed greatly to the City of Versailles Fire Department and, it is therefore the desire of the Board of Alderman to seek voter approval to increase the current 1/4 of 1% fire sales tax to 1/2 of 1%.

WHEREAS, if the voters disapprove of the fire sales tax being increased from 1/4 of 1% to 1/2 of 1%, then the current 1/4 of 1% sales tax approved on April 3, 2018, will remain in force.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That in accordance with Section 321.242 RSMo, it is hereby ordered that a fire sales tax in an amount of 1/2 of 1% per cent on all retail sales made in the City of Versailles which are subject to taxation under the provisions of Section 144.010 to 144.525 RSMo is hereby enacted.

SECTION 2: That this Ordinance is expressly conditional upon the approval of same by a majority of the voters of the City of Versailles to vote at the regular General Election Day to be held April 2, 2024.

SECTION 3: That the question to be voted upon shall be as follows:

Shall the City of Versailles, Missouri repeal and replace the existing sales tax in the amount of 1/4 of 1% with a sales tax of 1/2 of 1% for the purpose of providing revenues for the operation of the City of Versailles Fire Department?

Yes

No

SECTION 4: That the City Clerk is hereby directed to cause a certified copy of this Ordinance to be supplied to the election authority of Morgan County, Missouri in order that the question may be submitted at said election.

SECTION 5: That this Ordinance shall be effective after approval of the majority of the voters of the City of Versailles, and after proof thereof shall be submitted to the Director of Revenue as provided by Section 321.242 RSMo. In the event of such submission, said tax shall commence on the first day of the second quarter after the Missouri Director of Revenue received notice of the adoption of the tax.

SECTION 6: That all Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The foregoing Ordinance was read two times in its entirety and each time passed by the following vote:

After copies of the foregoing were made available for public inspection prior to the time it was under consideration by the Board of Aldermen, the foregoing was:

- introduced to the Board of Aldermen in writing,
- read two times at this single meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
- and each time passed by the following vote:

Pryor yea nay

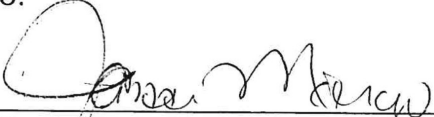
Dunklee yea nay

Bentch yea nay

Bias yea nay

If tie vote: Mayor yea nay

Dated and passed this 10th day of October, 2023.



Jamie Morrow, Mayor

ATTEST:



Libby Webb, City Clerk