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CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

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ORDINANCE 25-46(A)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA AMENDING HCC 9.16.010 TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETENTION **FOR 8 YEARS**, OF 0.3% SALES TAX DESIGNATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER UPON THE CITY ACCRUING SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO PAY OFF THE POLICE STATION DEBT SERVICE AND SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF SUCH SALES TAX RETENTION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON OCTOBER 7, 2025.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer (the "City") is in need of a multi-purpose recreation center; and

WHEREAS, The City Council views the acquisition and construction of a multi-purpose recreation center and related capital improvements authorized herein as necessary and beneficial to the community, and determines that to fund such improvements the City should begin accumulating funds to pay for this project and be prepared for future bonding if necessary; and

WHEREAS, Under the provisions of AS 29.45.700(b) and AS 29.45.670, the City may increase the rate of its sales tax only after an ordinance authorizing the increase is approved by a majority of those voting on the question at a regular or special election; and

WHEREAS, Submitting the aforementioned questions to the voters at a special election will ensure that the project has the full support of the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. Homer City Code 9.16.010 is amended to read as follows:

9.16.010 Levied.

a. A consumer's sales tax in the amount of three and three-quarters percent is levied by the City on all sales, rents and services within the City except as the same may be otherwise exempted by law.

b. An additional consumer's sales tax in the amount of three-quarters percent is hereby levied by the City of Homer on all sales, rents and services within the City except as the same may be otherwise exempted by law, for the purpose of funding debt retirement of the sewer

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treatment plant improvements, and to the extent revenues from such tax exceed such debt retirement obligations, for the purpose of funding water and sewer systems.

c. An additional consumer's sales tax in the amount of thirty hundredths of one percent (0.3%) is hereby levied by the City of Homer on all sales, rents and services within the City, except as the same may be otherwise exempted by law, for the purpose of funding a multi-purpose recreation center within the City.

Section 2. A regular election shall be held in and for the City on October 7, 2025, at which the City shall submit the following proposition to the qualified voters of the City. The proposition must receive an affirmative vote from a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question to be approved.

PROPOSITION NO. ____
FUNDING FOR A NEW MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER
AND RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS;
REAUTHORIZING THE 0.3% SALES TAX RATE APPROVED FOR THE POLICE STATION BOND
PAYMENT.

Shall the City of Homer enact a new thirty hundredths percent (0.3%) sales tax, effective upon the expiration of the existing thirty hundredths percent (0.3%) sales tax upon the City accruing sufficient funding to pay off the police station bond, for the purpose of construction of a multi-purpose recreation center? **The sales tax would expire after 8 years.** The multi-purpose community recreation center will provide inclusive spaces for sports, fitness, and cultural activities, promoting health and community connection for all residents.

Section 3. The proposition, both for paper ballots and machine ballots, shall be printed on a ballot which may set forth other general obligation bond propositions, and the following words shall be added as appropriate next to a space provided for marking the ballot for voting by hand or machine:

PROPOSITION NO. ____

O Yes

O No

Section 6. Section 1 of this ordinance shall become effective only if the proposition described in Section 2 is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposition at the October 7, 2025 regular City election.

Section 7. Section 1 of this Ordinance is of a permanent and general character and shall

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be included in the City Code. The remainder of this ordinance is not of a permanent nature and as such, shall not be codified.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA, this ____ day of ____ 2025.

CITY OF HOMER

RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

First Reading:

Public Reading:

Second Reading:

Effective Date: