ORDINANCE NO. 2021-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEDONA, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE CITY TAX CODE ARTICLE IV RELATING TO PRIVILEGE TAX; PERMANENTLY INCREASING THE PRIVILEGE TAX FROM THREE PERCENT (3%) TO THREE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (3.5%) EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2028, BY REMOVING THE PREVIOUS TEN (10) YEAR SUNSET FROM THE ONE-HALF PERCENT (.5%); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES OR CODE PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City Council amended the City Tax Code in January 2018 to provide for a ten-year temporary increase in the privilege tax for transportation related projects; and

WHEREAS, it is now the intention of the City Council to make that increase permanent, to continue to fund the ongoing operations of a transit system and transportation related projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDONA, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of Article IV of the City Tax Code (Privilege Taxes)

Article IV of the City Tax Code is hereby amended by incorporating by reference those changes set forth in that public record entitled "March 1, 2028 Amendments to the City Tax Code Privilege Tax Provisions" and established as a public record by Resolution No. 2021-29.

The tax rate in each of the aforementioned sections of the City Tax Code is permanently increased from three percent (3%) to three and one-half percent (3.5%) effective March 1, 2028 when it was previously set to expire.

The increase is dedicated to transportation projects and related administrative and operational costs.

Section 2. Savings Clause

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. Repeal

All other code provisions, ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict as of the effective date hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sedona, Arizona, this 9th day of November, 2021.

Sandra J. Moriarty, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan L. Irvine, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kurt W. Christianson, City Attorney