

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

RESOLUTION No. 2024-25

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING SALT LAKE COUNTY TO IMPOSE THE OPTIONAL .2% SALES AND USE TAX TO ENHANCE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, amendments to applicable Utah state law enacted by the Utah Legislature in its 2024 general session grant to the governing body (the “*County Council*”) of Salt Lake County (the “*County*”) the option to impose an additional .2% sales and use tax (the “*Local Tax*”) within the County, of which .05% would flow to municipalities within the County, .05% would flow to the County to use for transportation or public safety purposes, and the final .10% would be dedicated to transit or, after three years, to the transit innovation fund administered by the Utah Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Utah, and particularly the County and its other urbanized population centers, is experiencing unprecedented population growth and related impacts on public highways, transportation facilities and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Local Tax was specifically designed to fund improvements to highways and public transit systems which are vital for managing the growing transportation demands, with the revenue generated by the Local Tax being split to support the County’s broader transit initiatives while also allocating a share to cities within the County to enhance local roads, thereby expanding public transit options and easing traffic congestion in the County to improve daily life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, to impose the Local Tax, the County Council must enact an ordinance after weighing its potential impacts and benefits; and

WHEREAS, the city council (the “*City Council*”) of the city of Cottonwood Heights (the “*City*”) met in regular session on 2 April 2024 to consider, among other things, encouraging the County Council to enact an ordinance imposing the Local Tax to generate more funding for targeted improvements to public transit and road conditions—including for the City’s roads—thereby directly contributing to an enhanced transportation experience for the City’s residents; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the City’s residents to so act;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the city of Cottonwood Heights, Utah, that the City Council hereby encourages the County Council to enact an ordinance adopting the Local Tax in order to generate more funding to bolster local transportation options and infrastructure and thereby directly contribute to a more efficient and enjoyable transportation experience for residents of the City and the entire County.

This Resolution, assigned no. 2024-25, shall take effect immediately upon passage.

ATTEST:

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

By: Maria Devereux By: Michael T. Weichers
~~Paula Melgar, Recorder~~ Michael T. Weichers, Mayor
 Maria Devereux, Deputy Recorder



VOTING:

Michael T. Weichers	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Holton	Yea <input type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Suzanne Hyland	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Shawn E. Newell	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Ellen Birrell	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>

DEPOSITED in the office of the City Recorder this 2nd day of April 2024.

RECORDED this 2nd day of April 2024.