

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RULE CITY, TEXAS ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION, TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS.

WHEREAS, the City of Rule (the “City”) is a Type A general law city operating pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to impose a sales and use tax for street maintenance pursuant to Chapter 327 of the Texas Tax Code;

WHEREAS, the City has imposed such a tax, in the amount of one percent, but Section 327.007(a) of the Texas Tax Code provides that the tax expires four (4) years after it is imposed unless reauthorized, and so the City must re-adopt the tax;

WHEREAS, Section 327.006(a) of the Texas Tax Code requires that such an election must be called by ordinance;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 327.004 of the Texas Tax Code, a street maintenance tax “may be imposed at any rate that is an increment of one-eighth of one percent, that the municipality determines is appropriate, and that would not result in a combined rate that exceeds” two percent and the City currently imposes a general local sales and use tax in the amount of one percent; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City that such an election be ordered for voters of the City to decide whether a street maintenance tax in the amount of one percent should be imposed within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RULE, TEXAS:

Section 1. That a special election is hereby called and ordered for **November 5, 2024**, for the purpose of adoption of a local sales and use tax in the City in the amount of one percent (1%) to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of City streets.

Section 2. That the official ballots for the special election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code to permit the electors to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” such Proposition to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

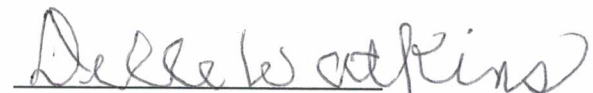
THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF RULE AT THE RATE OF ONE PERCENT TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS.

FOR []
AGAINST []

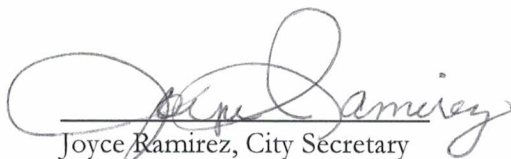
Section 3. That notice of this special election shall be given by posting a copy of the Notice of Election at City Hall at least twenty-one (21) days before the election and by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City one time not more than 30 nor less than 10 days before election day.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rule, Texas on this the 1st day of August 2024.


Delle Watkins, Mayor

ATTEST:


Joyce Ramirez, City Secretary