

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-004

CALLING FOR SALES AND USE TAX QUESTION TO BE PLACED ON GENERAL BALLOT

AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR AN ELECTION IN THE TOWN OF PLEASANT PLAINS, ARKANSAS, ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A PERMANENT 2 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE TOWN OF PLEASANT PLAINS, ARKANSAS; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas (the "Town"), has passed on July 11th, 2016, Ordinance No. 2016-004 providing for the levy of a permanent 2 percent (2%) sales and use tax within the Town (the "Sales and Use Tax"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to call an election on the question of the levy of the Sales and Use Tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas:

Section 1. That there be submitted to the electors of the Town the question of the levy of the Sales and Use Tax, to be placed on the ballot in the general election to be held on November 8, 2016

Section 2. That the question of levying the Sales and Use Tax shall be placed on the ballot for the election in substantially the following form:

2% SALES AND USE TAX FOR GENERAL OPERATIOIS OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT PLAINS

FOR adoption of a permanent 2% local sales and use tax within the Town of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas._____

AGAINST adoption of a permanent 2% local sales and use tax within the Town of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas._____

Section 3. That the election shall be held and conducted and the vote canvassed and the results declared under the law and in the manner now provided for municipal elections unless otherwise provided in Title 26, Chapter 75, Subchapter 2 [or Subchapter 3 if the second authority is to be used] of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated (the "Authorizing Legislation") and only qualified voters of the Town shall have the right to vote on this question at the election.

Section 4. That the results of the election shall be proclaimed by the Mayor, and his Proclamation shall be published one time in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town, which Proclamation shall advise that the results as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless attacked in the courts within thirty(30) days after the date of publication.

Section 5. That a copy of this Ordinance shall be given to the County Board of Election Commissioners so that the necessary election officials and supplies may be provided. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall also be provided to the Commissioner of Revenues of the State of Arkansas as soon as practical.

Section 6. That the Mayor and Town Clerk or Recorder, for and on behalf of the Town, be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to call and hold the election as herein provided and, if the levy of the Sales and Use Tax is approved by the electors, to cause the Sales and Use Tax to be collected in Accordance with the Authorizing Legislation, and to perform all acts of whatever nature necessary in a timely fashion to carry out the authority conferred by this Ordinance.

Section 7. That all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 8. It is hereby ascertained and declared that there is a great need to establish a stable source of revenue to finance vital municipal services in order to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the Town and its inhabitants. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect immediately from and after its passage.

PASSED: July 11, 2016

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: 5

CITY: Pleasant Plains, Arkansas

MAYOR: Annex W. Burns

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To the Residents of the Town of Pleasant Plains

Due to an ordinance passed by the Quorum Court early last year, which required the towns in the county to return 30% of monies collected from tickets written inside their city limits, we could no longer afford to keep a police officer on the city payroll.

The Town Council has passed a resolution to put a .02 cent or 2% sales tax on the November 8th Ballot. This vote is for the residents living inside the city limits.

Pleasant Plains pays an estimated \$50,000 a year for trash pick-up for our residents. This breaks down to \$22.00 per month per household or a cost of \$264.00 per year per household.

Over 1 million dollars a month is spent here at the local businesses, mostly from people outside the city and the traveling public passing through.

Your "YES" vote on this sales tax, would help generate enough revenue to allow the city to continue paying for trash pick-up, employ a full time police officer, upgrade our city park and playground equipment, help improve and expand our town.

Thank You,
Mayor and City Council