

ORDINANCE NO. 31-14**AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF INCREASING THE TAX ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, FROM ONE (1) MILL TO THREE (3) MILLS TO BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC CITY LIBRARIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Amendment 30 to the Arkansas Constitution, one hundred or more taxpayers of the city of Fort Smith may file a petition with the Mayor asking for an increase in the library tax upon real and personal property be levied and collected for the maintenance and operation of the public city libraries and requiring that the question be submitted to the electors; and,

WHEREAS, such a petition has been submitted to the Mayor in proper form with the required number of signatures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: That there be, and there is hereby called a special election to be held on August 12, 2014, at which election there shall be submitted to the electors of Fort Smith the question of increasing the annual tax levied on real and personal property for the maintenance and operation of the Fort Smith Public Libraries.

SECTION 2: That the ballot title to be used at said special election shall be in the following form:

PROPOSED INCREASE OF LIBRARY TAX FROM ONE (1) MILL TO THREE (3) MILLS ON ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

ON THE QUESTION OF INCREASING THE LIBRARY TAX AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO AMENDMENT 30 TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION FROM ONE (1) MILL TO THREE (3) MILLS ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF FORT SMITH TO BE USED FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE FORT SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

FOR increase of tax on real and personal property located in the city of Fort Smith to be used for the maintenance and operation of the Fort Smith Public Libraries from one (1) mill to three (3) mills. □

AGAINST increase of tax on real and personal property located in the city of Fort Smith to be used for the maintenance and operation of the Fort Smith Public Libraries from one (1) mill to three (3) mills. □

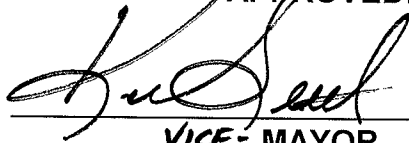
SECTION 3: That the results of the election shall be certified by the Election Commission and proclaimed by the Mayor, and his proclamation shall be published one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the City, which proclamation shall be conclusive unless attacked in the courts within thirty days.

SECTION 4: That the Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City, are directed to do all things necessary to call and hold the special election and to perform all acts necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: Emergency Clause. It is determined that the time requirements for timely presenting the matter for consideration to the electorate at a special election on August 12, 2014, constitute an emergency regarding the effective date of this ordinance. It is, therefore, determined that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2014.

APPROVED:



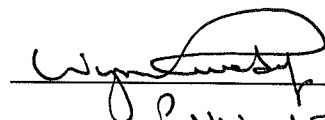
VICE-MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:



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