

ORDINANCE NO. 7-15

AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION REGARDING THE CONTINUED EFFECTIVENESS OF FORT SMITH ORDINANCE NO. 72-85, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE LOCAL ONE PERCENT SALES TAX FOR CITY STREETS, BRIDGES AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE, AND, IN THE EVENT OF CONTINUATION OF SAID SALES TAX, SEEKING VOTER APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF 5% OF THE SALES TAX FUNDS FOR TRAILS AND BIKEWAYS; DESIGNATING A BALLOT TITLE FOR USE AT SUCH ELECTION; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1: The question of the continued effectiveness of Fort Smith Ordinance No. 72-85, which levies a local sales (gross receipts) and use tax at the rate of one percent (1%) upon the receipts from sales at retail within the City of Fort Smith, the proceeds from which tax are designated for the use of City streets, bridges and associated drainage, shall be submitted to a vote of the electorate of Fort Smith, Arkansas, at a special election to be held on the 12th day of May, 2015. In addition to the question of the continued effectiveness of Fort Smith Ordinance No. 72-85, the question shall be submitted to a vote of the electorate of Fort Smith, Arkansas, should it approve the continued effectiveness of Fort Smith Ordinance No. 72-85, whether 5% of those sales tax funds may be used for trails and bikeways. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give all necessary notices to the County Board of Election Commissioners and to all other persons of the calling of such election.

SECTION 2: The ballot presentation of the issues to be used in such election shall be substantially in the following form:

Shall the Board of Directors continue the effectiveness of Fort Smith Ordinance No. 72-85, which levies a local sales (gross receipts) and use tax at the rate of one percent (1%) upon the receipt from the sale at retail within the City of Fort Smith of all items which are subject to taxation under the Arkansas Sales Tax Act (Arkansas Gross Receipts Tax Act of 1941, Act 386 of the 1941 Acts of Arkansas), as said Act has heretofore or may hereinafter be amended, provided that the maximum local sales (gross receipts) and use tax on any single item of sale or use shall continue to be in the tax sum of \$25.00 which proceeds from such tax shall, subject to voter approval otherwise, continue to be designated for City streets, bridges and associated drainage?

Vote by placing an X in the square opposite your choice.

Question 1

FOR Continuation of a One Percent (1%) local Sales and Use Tax within the City for streets, bridges, and associated drainage

AGAINST Continuation of a One Percent (1%) local Sales and Use Tax within the City for streets, bridges, and associated drainage

Question 2

If the tax in Question 1 is approved, may Five Percent (5%) of the revenue be used for trails and bikeways?

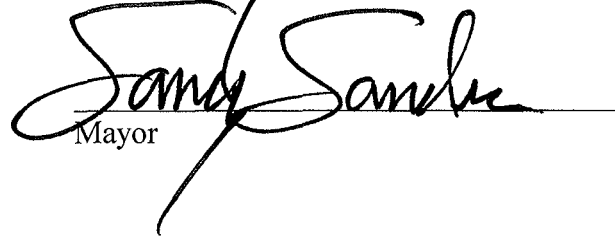
Yes

No

SECTION 3: The provisions of this Ordinance shall not be codified by the codifier of the City's ordinances.

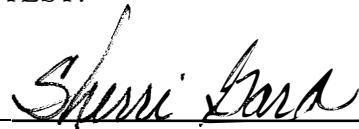
This Ordinance adopted this 20th day of January, 2015.

APPROVED:



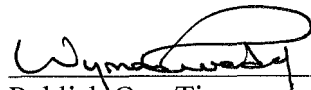
Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



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