

**ORDINANCE 509**

**AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS, ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2034 WITHIN THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS FOR IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CITY'S ROADS, STREETS, ALLEYWAYS, CURBS, GUTTERS, DRAINAGE AND SIDEWALKS AND FOR A SOURCE OF REVENUE TO FINANCE SUCH IMPROVEMENTS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the City of Barling, Arkansas (the "City"), has passed on August 13, 2024, Ordinance No. 508 providing for the levy of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax within the City (the "Sales and Use Tax") through December 31, 2034 in that there is a great need for immediate improvement of the City's roads, streets, alleyways, curbs, gutters, drainage, and sidewalks and for a source of revenue to finance such improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Ordinance is to call a special election on the question of the levy of the aforementioned Sales and Use Tax;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Directors of the City of Barling, Arkansas:

**Section 1.** That there be, and there is hereby called, a special election to be held on November 5, 2024, at which election there shall be submitted to the electors of the City the question of the levy of the Sales and Use Tax.

**Section 2.** The question of levying a one percent (1%) sales and use tax through December 31, 2034 shall be placed on the ballot for the election in substantially the following form:

VOTE ON MEASURE BY PLACING AN "X" IN THE SQUARE OPPOSITE THE MEASURE EITHER **FOR OR AGAINST**:

ON THE QUESTION OF A LEVY OF A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX through December 31, 2034 for immediate improvement of the City's roads, streets, alleyways, curbs, gutters, drainage, and sidewalks and for a source of revenue to finance such improvements:

**FOR** ADOPTION OF A 1% LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2034 WITHIN THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS FOR IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CITY'S ROADS, STREETS, ALLEYWAYS, CURBS, GUTTERS, DRAINAGE AND SIDEWALKS AND FOR A SOURCE OF REVENUE TO FINANCE SUCH IMPROVEMENTS.

**AGAINST** ADOPTION OF A 1% LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2034 WITHIN THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS FOR IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CITY'S ROADS, STREETS, ALLEYWAYS, CURBS, GUTTERS, DRAINAGE AND SIDEWALKS AND FOR A SOURCE OF REVENUE TO FINANCE SUCH IMPROVEMENTS.

**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 of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated (the "Authorizing Legislation") and only qualified voters of the City shall have the right to vote 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 published in the City and having a general circulation therein, 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 (a) filed with the Sebastian County Clerk and (b) given to the Sebastian 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.

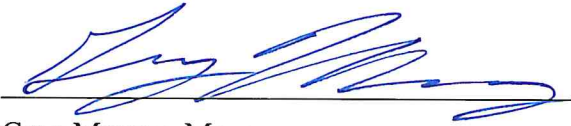
**Section 6.** That the Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City, be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to call and hold the special election as herein provided and, if the levy of the Sales and Use Tax is approved by the electors, to cause the Sales and Use Tax to be collected in accordance with the Authorizing Legislation, and to perform all acts of whatever nature necessary 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 an immediate source of revenue to finance the aforementioned improvements and to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the City and its inhabitants. It is, therefore, declared that an emergency exists and this Ordinance, being necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety shall be in force and take effect immediately from and after its passage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:** by the Board of Directors of the City of Barling, Arkansas.

PASSED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.



Greg Murray, Mayor

ATTEST:



Florene Brown, City Clerk

