

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PUEBLO, COLORADO AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023, A QUESTION ESTABLISHING AN ADDITIONAL ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT LODGER'S TAX RATE FOR PROVIDING ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE PROGRAMS FOR WORKING FAMILIES IN THE CITY OF PUEBLO

WHEREAS, the City of Pueblo, Colorado (the "City") presently imposes lodger's tax at the rate of four and three tenths percent (4.3%) pursuant to Chapter 9, Title XIV of the Pueblo Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City hereby finds and determines that establishing an additional one and one-half percent (1.5%) lodger's tax rate for providing accessible and affordable childcare programs for working families in the City will promote the public peace, health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has proposed an ordinance ("Ordinance No. 10500"), which is attached hereto and which if adopted by the voters of the City would establish an additional one and one-half percent (1.5%) lodger's tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to ask the electors of the City, pursuant to Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, to approve Ordinance No. 10500 and thereby establish an additional one and one-half percent (1.5%) lodger's tax rate for the purposes stated above; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PUEBLO, that:

SECTION 1.

The question of adopting Ordinance No. 10500 and thereby establishing an additional one and one-half percent (1.5%) lodger's tax rate dedicated to providing accessible and affordable childcare programs for working families in the City shall be submitted to a vote of the eligible electors of the City at the City's general election to be held on November 7, 2023. The ballot question (submission clause and title) therefore shall be as follows:

QUESTION NO. 2A – ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT LODGER'S TAX for providing accessible and affordable childcare programs for working families in the City

SHALL THE CITY OF PUEBLO'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$625,000 ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, FOR FIVE YEARS FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028, BY ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 10500 IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT LODGER'S TAX AND ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH REVENUES TO BE SPENT ONLY FOR PROVIDING ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE PROGRAMS FOR WORKING FAMILIES IN THE CITY AND, CONSISTENT WITH ORDINANCE NO. 9998 APPROVED AT THE 2021 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION OR AS OTHERWISE MAY BE REQUIRED, SHALL ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH TAX BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

FOR THE ORDINANCE _____
AGAINST THE ORDINANCE _____

SECTION 2.

The officers and staff of the City are authorized and directed to take all action necessary, appropriate or required to implement the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3.

This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of final action by the Mayor and City Council.

Action by City Council:

Introduced and initial adoption of Ordinance by City Council on July 24, 2023.

Final adoption of Ordinance by City Council on August 14, 2023.

President of City Council

Action by the Mayor:

Approved on _____.

Disapproved on _____ based on the following objections:

Mayor

Action by City Council After Disapproval by the Mayor:

Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.

Ordinance re-adopted on a vote of _____, on _____

Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

President of City Council

ATTEST

City Clerk

