

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 3.09 TO THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSACTION AND USE TAX

The People and the City Council of the City of Riverside do ordain as follows:

Section 1: This ordinance shall be known as the City of Riverside Supplemental Transaction and Use Tax Ordinance. This ordinance shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City of Riverside.

Section 2: Chapter 3.09 of the Riverside Municipal Code is hereby added to the Riverside Municipal Code as provided in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3: If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4: The City Council has reviewed the matter and, based upon the facts and information contained in the staff reports, administrative record, and written and oral testimony, hereby finds that this ordinance is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15060, subdivision (c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15061, subdivision (b)(3) (there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment).

Section 5: The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this ordinance and cause publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the Charter of the City of Riverside.

Section 6: This ordinance shall become operative the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this ordinance. This ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the City transaction and use tax and shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Section 7: This ordinance shall not become operative unless and until it is approved by the

1 voters of the City of Riverside by a majority vote at the June 2, 2026 election. Nothing in this
2 ordinance shall be interpreted to repeal or amend any provision of the Riverside Municipal Code unless
3 this ordinance has been approved by the voters and adopted by the City Council.

4 ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

8 Attest:

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11 DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

12 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
13 foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the City Council
14 on the _____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote, to wit:

15 Ayes:

16 Noes:

17 Absent:

18 Abstain:

19 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
20 City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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23 DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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Exhibit “A”

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 3.09

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Chapter 3.09 SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSACTION AND USE TAX

3.09.010 Short title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Supplemental Transaction and Use Tax Ordinance" of the City.

3.09.020 Purpose.

The City Council hereby declares that this chapter is adopted to achieve the following, among other, purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

- A. To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of the Revenue and Taxation Code Part 1.6 (commencing with § 7251) of Division 2 of and Section 7285.9 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 which authorizes the City to adopt this tax ordinance which shall be operative if a majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.
- B. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- C. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefore that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.
- D. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

3.09.030 Operative date.

Operative date means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this ordinance, the date of such adoption being as set forth in Section 3.09.150 below.

3.09.040 Contract with State.

Prior to the operative date, the City shall contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance; provided, that if the City shall not have contracted with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

3.09.050 Transactions tax rate.

For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in all current and future incorporated territory of the City at the rate of one quarter percent of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in the City on and after the operative date of this chapter.

3.09.060 Place of sale.

For the purposes of this chapter, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the State sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

3.09.070 Use tax imposed.

An excise tax is imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this chapter for storage, use or other consumption in the City at the rate of one quarter percent of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

3.09.080 Adoption of provisions of State Law.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions the Revenue and Taxation Code Part 1 (commencing with § 6001) of Division 2 are hereby adopted and made a part of this chapter as though fully set forth herein.

3.09.090 Limitations on adoption of State Law and collection of use taxes.

In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

- A. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this City shall be substituted therefor. However, the substitution shall not be made when:
 - 1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;
 - 2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this City or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this ordinance.
 - 3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:
 - a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or;
 - b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the State under the said provision of that code.
 - 4. In the Revenue and Taxation Code §§ 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828.
- B. The word "City" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

3.09.100 Seller's permit.

If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Revenue and Taxation Code § 6067, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by reason of this chapter.

3.09.110 Exemptions and exclusions.

- A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any State-administered transactions or use tax.
- B. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:
 - 1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.
 - 2. Sales of property to be used outside the City which is shipped to a point outside the City, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the City shall be satisfied:
 - a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to the Vehicle Code ch. 1 (commencing with § 4000) of Division 3, aircraft licensed in compliance with the Public Utilities Code § 21411, and undocumented vessels registered under the Vehicle Code div. 3.5 (commencing with § 9840) by registration to an out-of-City address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and
 - b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-City and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.
 - 3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.
 - 4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.
 - 5. For the purposes of subparagraphs 3. and 4. of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.
- C. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this chapter, the storage, use or other consumption in this City of tangible personal property:
 - 1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any State-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.
 - 2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in the Revenue and Taxation Code §§ 6366 and 6366.1 of the State of California.
 - 3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this chapter.

4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this chapter.
 5. For the purposes of subparagraphs 3. and 4. of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.
 6. Except as provided in subparagraph 7., a retailer engaged in business in the City shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the City or participates within the City in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the City or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the City under the authority of the retailer.
 7. "A retailer engaged in business in the City" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to the Vehicle Code ch. 1, div. 3 (commencing with § 4000), aircraft licensed in compliance with the Public Utilities Code § 21411, or undocumented vessels registered under the Vehicle Code div. 3.5 (commencing with § 9840). That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the City.
- D. Any person subject to use tax under this chapter may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

3.09.120 Amendments.

All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this chapter to the Revenue and Taxation Code pt. 1 of div. 2 relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this chapter, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax or the right to impose and collect this tax by the City by this chapter.

3.09.130 Enjoining collection forbidden.

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the City, or against any officer of the State or the City, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

3.09.140 Severability.

If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this chapter and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

3.09.150 Effective date.

This chapter relates to the levying and collecting of the City transactions and use taxes and shall take effect immediately.

3.09.160 Termination date.

The authority to levy the tax imposed by this chapter shall continue until repealed by the voters.

