

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE,
3 CALIFORNIA, ORDERING, CALLING, PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING
4 NOTICE OF A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 2, 2026
5 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS
6 OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, A MEASURE TO RENEW THE CITY'S
7 EXISTING TRANSACTION AND USE TAX (SALES TAX) UNTIL ENDED
8 BY THE VOTERS.

9 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Chapter 3.08 of the Riverside Municipal Code
10 to renew the City's existing transaction and use tax until ended by the voters; and

11 WHEREAS, Article XIIC of the California Constitution, Government Code section 53723,
12 and Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9 require that such a general tax must be submitted to,
13 and approved by, a majority of those qualified electors voting in an election to be held on the issue of
14 imposing the general tax; and

15 WHEREAS, the proposed measure can address community identified City service priorities
16 such as, maintaining 911, fire and police response, preventing property crimes, such as theft and home
17 burglaries, preparing for and responding to wildfires, keeping public areas safe and clean, preventing
18 homeless encampment fires and recruiting and retaining well-trained firefighters and paramedics; and

19 WHEREAS, the proposed measure simply renews previously approved voter funding without
20 increasing the tax rates residents currently pay; and

21 WHEREAS, existing voter approved funding has maintained public safety services in
22 Riverside such as police and fire services; and

23 WHEREAS, the proposed measure updates the term of the previously voter approved Measure
24 Z to until ended by voters; and

25 WHEREAS, approximately 70% of all 911 calls to the Riverside Fire Department require
26 emergency medical attention, including heart attacks incidents; according to the American Heart
27 Association, strokes and brain deterioration can start between four to six minutes after a person stops
28 breathing and the City needs to be able to maintain fast emergency response times; and

WHEREAS, recent fires are a reminder of the devastating impacts of extreme weather patterns
and the importance of expanding the City's fire prevention protocols, including: services by City of
Riverside Fire, Public Works, and Park/Recreation departments' collaborative efforts to reduce fire

1 risk by managing brush, weeds and other fuels; upgrading fire engines and trucks; and purchasing life-
2 saving equipment that firefighters need to fight wildfires; and

3 WHEREAS, there are 10 active gangs in the City of Riverside with nearly 300 gang members
4 living in or frequenting Riverside and in larger numbers in surrounding communities;

5 WHEREAS, the City needs to have the ability to fight gang violence by maintaining anti-gang
6 programs for at-risk youth, and keeping gang members and drug dealers from nearby communities out
7 of our City; and

8 WHEREAS, the measure will include strict accountability provisions including public
9 disclosure of all spending, annual independent financial audits, and performance reports available
10 online, and with all funds generated by the measure used exclusively for the City of Riverside
11 community; and

12 WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 9222, the City Council has authority to place
13 local measures on the ballot to be considered at a municipal election; and

14 WHEREAS, on January 6, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution 24342, ordering, calling,
15 providing for and giving notice of a General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Riverside on
16 the 2nd day of June, 2026, for the purpose of electing a member of the City Council for the second,
17 fourth, and sixth wards of the City of Riverside, and giving notice and ordering that said General
18 Municipal Election is consolidated with all other elections being held in the same territory on the same
19 date; and

20 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit a ballot measure to the voters at the June 2,
21 2026 General Municipal Election.

22 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside, on the
23 basis of the foregoing recitals and staff reports submitted by City staff at the March 3, 2026 City
24 Council meeting, as follows:

25 Section 1: The City Council, pursuant to its right and authority under California law,
26 approves the proposed ordinance as set forth on Exhibit “1”, attached hereto and incorporated herein
27 by reference, and hereby orders that the following measure to be submitted to the qualified electors of
28 the City of Riverside at the general municipal election to be held on June 2, 2026:

1 ***City of Riverside Services Protection Measure.*** *Without raising the tax rate, to*
2 *maintain City of Riverside’s general city services such as 911, fire, police response;*
3 *prepare for/respond to wildfires; recruit/retain well-trained*
4 *firefighters/paramedics; prevent crime; keep public areas safe/clean; address*
5 *homelessness; shall the measure renewing the existing voter-approved Measure Z*
6 *1¢ transaction and use (sales) tax, providing approximately \$83,000,000 annually,*
7 *until ended by voters; requiring independent audits, spending disclosure, funds*
8 *remaining for Riverside, be adopted?*

9 Section 2: That only the qualified electors of the City of Riverside are entitled to vote at
10 said election on this measure and that if a majority of the qualified electors voting on the measure
11 votes in favor of the measure, the measure shall be deemed approved.

12 Section 3: The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of the measure to the City
13 Attorney, wherein an impartial analysis of the measure shall be prepared pursuant to Elections Code
14 section 9280, showing the effect on the existing law and the operation of the measure. The analysis
15 shall be printed preceding the arguments for and against the measure.

16 Section 4: That in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 of the Charter of the City
17 of Riverside and the Constitution and election laws of the State of California, a municipal election be
18 held and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Riverside on June 2, 2026, for
19 the purpose of submitting a measure to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 3.08 of the Riverside
20 Municipal Code to extend the City’s existing transaction and use tax of 1% until ended by the voters.

21 Section 5: That in accordance with Section 10403 of the Elections Code, the City Council
22 hereby requests the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to consent to consolidation of the
23 municipal election with the Statewide election to be held on the same day.

24 Section 6: That the City Council consents to the consolidation of the municipal election
25 hereby called with all other elections being held in the same territory on June 2, 2026, and said
26 elections, where possible, shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election within the City
27 of Riverside and only one form of ballot shall be used and the precincts, polling places and officers of
28 election for said elections shall be the same as provided for the municipal election.

1 Section 7: That for the purpose of holding said municipal election there shall be and hereby
2 are established consolidated voting precincts, consisting of a consolidation of the regular election
3 precincts in the City of Riverside established for the holding of state and county elections as said
4 regular election precincts exist on the date of this resolution.

5 Section 8: That the form and contents of the ballots to be used at the said election shall be
6 as provided by law.

7 Section 9: That the polls for said election shall be opened at 7:00 a.m. of the day of said
8 election and shall remain open continuously from said time until 8:00 p.m. of the same day, when the
9 polls shall be closed, except as provided in Section 14401 of the Elections Code.

10 Section 10: That in accordance with Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of
11 Supervisors of Riverside County is hereby requested to consent to the Registrar of Voters rendering
12 election services to the City of Riverside as may be requested by the City Clerk of said City, the County
13 of Riverside to be reimbursed in full for such services as are performed.

14 Section 11: That the City Clerk shall have charge of all City elections pursuant to Riverside
15 City Charter Section 703(f).

16 Section 12: That the City Clerk is hereby designated the “Elections Official” for the
17 purposes of this election pursuant to Elections Code section 320(b).

18 Section 13: That based upon the foregoing authority, the City Clerk shall have charge of
19 this election and shall make all determinations necessary to conduct this election.

20 Section 14: Pursuant to Section 9298 of the Election Code, the City Council, or any member
21 or members of the City Council authorized by the body, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote
22 on the measure or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations,
23 may file a written argument, not to exceed 300 words in length, accompanied by the printed name(s)
24 and signature(s) of the person(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name
25 of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers, for or
26 against the measure. In the event that more than one argument for or against a measure is timely
27 submitted, the City's Elections Official shall give preference and priority in the order set forth in
28 Section 9287 of the Elections Code.

Section 15: The City Council elects to authorize rebuttal arguments pursuant to Elections Code Section 9285. When the City's Elections Official has selected the arguments for and against the measure to be printed and distributed to the voters, the elections official shall send copies of the argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against, and copies of the argument against to the authors of the argument in favor. The author or a majority of the authors of an argument relating to the foregoing city measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument not to exceed two hundred and fifty (250) words in length. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk not more than ten (10) days after the final date for filing direct arguments.

Section 16: That the City Clerk of said City shall receive the canvass of the municipal election and shall certify the results to this City Council, as required by law.

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

PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

Attest:

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

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

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5 DONESIA GAUSE
6 City Clerk of the City of Riverside
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