

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 ADOPT A
7 SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSACTION AND USE TAX (SALES TAX) AT THE
8 RATE OF ONE QUARTER PERCENT.

9 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt an ordinance adding Chapter 3.09 to the
10 Riverside Municipal Code to adopt a supplemental transaction and use tax at the rate of one quarter
11 percent until ended by the voters; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, recent fires are a reminder of the devastating impacts of extreme weather patterns
21 and the importance of expanding the City's fire prevention protocols, including: services by City of
22 Riverside Fire, Public Works, and Park/Recreation departments' collaborative efforts to reduce fire
23 risk by managing brush, weeds and other fuels; upgrading fire engines and trucks; and purchasing life-
24 saving equipment that firefighters need to fight wildfires; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the proposed measure can address community-identified City service priorities
such as maintaining 911, fire and police response, preventing property crimes, such as theft and home

1 burglaries, preparing for and responding to wildfires, keeping public areas safe and clean, preventing
2 homeless encampment fires and recruiting and retaining well-trained firefighters and paramedics; and

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit a ballot measure to the voters at the June 2,
16 2026 General Municipal Election.

17 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside, based
18 on the foregoing recitals and the staff report submitted by City staff at the March 3, 2026 City Council
19 meeting, as follows:

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

24 *City of Riverside Services Protection Measure. To maintain City of Riverside’s*
25 *general city services such as 911, fire, police response; help prevent crime; prepare*
26 *for/respond to wildfires; keep public areas safe/clean; recruit/retain well-trained*
27 *firefighters/paramedics and police; address homelessness; repair potholes/roads;*
28 *support senior services; shall the measure establishing a ¼¢ transaction and use*

1 *(sales) tax, providing approximately \$21,000,000 annually until ended by voters,*
2 *requiring audits, public spending disclosure, all funds controlled locally, be*
3 *adopted?*

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

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

11 Section 4: That in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 of the Charter of the City
12 of Riverside and the Constitution and election laws of the State of California, a municipal election be
13 held and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Riverside on June 2, 2026, for
14 the purpose of submitting a measure to adopt an ordinance adding Chapter 3.09 to the Riverside
15 Municipal Code to adopt a supplemental transaction and use tax at the rate of one quarter percent until
16 ended by the voters.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 Section 15: The City Council elects to authorize rebuttal arguments pursuant to Elections
26 Code Section 9285. When the City' s Elections Official has selected the arguments for and against the
27 measure to be printed and distributed to the voters, the elections official shall send copies of the
28 argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against, and copies of the argument

1 against to the authors of the argument in favor. The author or a majority of the authors of an argument
2 relating to the foregoing city measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument not to exceed two
3 hundred and fifty (250) words in length. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk not
4 more than ten (10) days after the final date for filing direct arguments.

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

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

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11 PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
12 Mayor of the City of Riverside

13 Attest:

14 _____
15 DONESIA GAUSE
16 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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

20 Ayes:

21 Noes:

22 Absent:

23 Abstain:

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

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28 DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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