

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 PLACEMENT OF A GENERAL TAX MEASURE ON THE  
6 BALLOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED  
7 ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, A MEASURE TO RENEW  
8 THE CITY'S TRANSACTION AND USE TAX (SALES TAX) AT AN  
9 UPDATED ONE AND ONE QUARTER PERCENT RATE UNTIL ENDED  
10 BY THE VOTERS.

11 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Chapter 3.08 of the Riverside Municipal Code  
12 to extend and increase the City's transaction and use tax from one percent to one and one quarter  
13 percent until ended by the voters; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, the proposed measure will adjust the previously voter approved tax rate of 1 cent  
23 to 1 ¼ cent to continue to fund City services including public safety and public works services; and

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

28 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  
risk by managing brush, weeds and other fuels; upgrading fire engines and trucks; and purchasing  
life-saving equipment that firefighters need to fight wildfires; and

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

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

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

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

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

18           WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit a ballot measure to the voters at the June 2,  
19 2026 General Municipal Election.

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

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

27           ***City of Riverside Services Renewal Measure. To continue maintaining general***  
28           ***local city services such as 911, fire, police response; preparing for wildfires;***

1 *recruiting/retaining well-trained firefighters/paramedics; preventing crime;*  
2 *keeping public areas safe/clean; addressing homelessness; repairing*  
3 *potholes/roads; shall a measure renewing the existing City of Riverside voter-*  
4 *approved transaction and use (sales) tax at an updated 1¼¢ rate, providing*  
5 *approximately \$106,000,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring audits,*  
6 *spending disclosure, all funds controlled locally, be adopted?*

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

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

14 Section 4: That in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 of the Charter of the City  
15 of Riverside and the Constitution and election laws of the State of California, a municipal election be  
16 held and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Riverside on June 2, 2026, for  
17 the purpose of submitting a measure to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 3.08 of the Riverside  
18 Municipal Code to extend and increase the City’s transaction and use tax to 1.25% until ended by the  
19 voters.

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

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

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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.



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