

**CITY OF BONNERS FERRY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-007**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONNERS FERRY TO SET FORTH A BALLOT AT THE MAY 16, 2023, GENERAL ELECTION. THE PURPOSE OF THE BALLOT QUESTION IS TO ASK THE CITIZENS IF THEY ARE IN SUPPORT OR AGAINST A LOCAL OPTION TAX IMPOSITION OF ONE PERCENT (1%) ON THE SALES PRICE OF ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PURCHASES GREATER THAN \$1,000.00. SUCH A TAX WOULD START ON JULY 1, 2023, AND END ON DECEMBER 31, 2033. THE TAX WOULD BE USED TO COVER FIRE PROTECTION, LAW ENFORCEMENT, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BONNERS FERRY, PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND DIRECT COSTS TO ADMINISTER THE TAX.

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 50-1046 provides for the adoption of local option non-property taxes when approved by a 60% majority of the voters.

**WHEREAS**, the City can no longer use 5% of its Enterprise funds to cover general fund services and the City desires to fund certain services as provided herein through the local option tax, if supported by the citizenry.

**WHEREAS**, the City has reviewed Idaho Code §50-1043 through 1049 and has determined that the city is eligible for placing the question to the voters in a special election held on May 16, 2023.

**WHEREAS**, if approved by the voters an ordinance will be brought before the City Council for consideration and will include necessary and required instructions on administering the local option tax.

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONNERS FERRY, IDAHO THE FOLLOWING:

- Section 1: The city of Bonners Ferry meets the definition of a qualified city as described in Idaho Code 50-1044.
- Section 2. A date of May 16, 2023, is hereby approved by the City Council for purposes of holding a special election for consideration of a local option tax.
- Section 3: The following language attached hereto is to be sent to the County Clerk for publication on the official ballot no later than March 17, 2023.

This Resolution is hereby **ADOPTED** and made **EFFECTIVE** by the City of Bonners Ferry this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023.

CITY OF BONNERS FERRY, IDAHO

BY: James R. (Dick) Staples  
James R. (Dick) Staples, Mayor

Attest: Deborah J. Hank  
Deputy Clerk

**CITY LOCAL OPTION NON-PROPERTY TAX**  
**CITY OF BONNERS FERRY, STATE OF IDAHO**  
**MAY 16, 2023 ELECTION**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote on the following question, place an (X) in the square according to the way you want to vote on the question. If you, by mistake or accident, mark, tear, or deface, or otherwise mutilate this ballot, return it to the election judges and obtain another ballot.

QUESTION: Shall the City of Bonners Ferry, Boundary County, Idaho, adopt an ordinance providing for a local option tax of 1%, effective on July 1, 2023, and extending the period of the tax until December 31, 2033.

This local option tax would apply to all sales subject to Idaho sales tax pursuant to Title 36, Chapter 63, Idaho Code, exempting those sales in excess of \$1,000.00, in one individual transaction. The non-property tax revenue derived from and collected under the Ordinance shall be used for the following purposes:

- (A) Fire Protection, including capital and operating expenses.
- (B) Law Enforcement, including capital and operating expenses.
- (C) Streets, Sidewalks, Buildings and Grounds, including capital and operating expenses, such as road construction and maintenance and snow removal.
- (D) Property Tax Relief (Per Idaho Code, any excess revenue received will be placed in a designated property tax relief fund.)
- (E) Direct costs to the city to collect and enforce the tax.

On the issue of 1% local option tax

IN FAVOR.....

AGAINST.....