

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, REFERRING A BALLOT ISSUE TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON TO INCREASE THE SALES AND USE TAX BY .15% (15 CENTS PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS SPENT) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, public safety is among the most critical services the City of Brighton provides and the City of Brighton Police Department excels at addressing crime, traffic, public order, and keeping residents safe; and

WHEREAS, increased growth places increased demand on law enforcement in addition to additional state mandates for collecting data results in a need for additional funding to allow the Brighton Police Department to hire and equip additional officers; and

WHEREAS, a .15% increase of sales and use tax (15 cents per one hundred dollars spent) would provide the City of Brighton additional funds over two million dollars that would be used to hire and equip additional officers, including but not limited to patrol, task force, and other officers; and

WHEREAS, the additional sales tax would only be used as an additional source of revenue for the Brighton Police Department and would not replace or supplant the existing budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports referring a ballot issue to the voters of the City of Brighton for an increase in sales and use tax for public safety and believes such an increase will allow for hiring of more police officers for a better and safer community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby submits to a vote of the registered electors of the City of Brighton at the next general election on November 7, 2023, the following ballot issue:

SHALL THE CITY OF BRIGHTON TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$2.75 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR OF COLLECTIONS (2024) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF 0.15 PERCENT (OR AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 15 CENTS PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS SPENT), COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2024 TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS AND EQUIPMENT, WITH ALL TAX REVENUES AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Section 2. This Resolution is effective upon the date of its adoption.

RESOLVED this 15th day of August 2023

CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO

GREGORY MILLS, Mayor

ATTEST:

NATALIE HOEL, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ALICIA CALDERÓN, City Attorney