

A RESOLUTION OF THE AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY COMMISSION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023 TO DETERMINE THE IMPOSITION OR NON-IMPOSITION OF A SPECIAL 0.5 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING COLISEUM CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS AND RELATED PROJECT COSTS; AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Augusta-Richmond County Commission (the “Commission”), which is charged with the duties of levying taxes, contracting debts, and managing the affairs of Augusta, Georgia (the “Consolidated Government”), and the Richmond County Board of Elections (the “Superintendent of Elections”), which is the Superintendent of Elections of Richmond County, called an election that was held on November 7, 2023 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of Richmond County the question of whether or not a special 0.5 percent sales and use tax for the purpose of funding coliseum capital outlay projects and project costs should be imposed; and

WHEREAS, the ballots used in the election provided that if imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the County in the principal amount of \$250,000,000 (the “General Obligation Debt”); and

WHEREAS, the returns of the election were duly brought up by the Managers of such election, as required by law, and were presented to the Superintendent of Elections on its own behalf and on behalf of the Commission for consolidation and for the declaration of the result of the election; and

WHEREAS, the returns of the election were received from all of the poll officers and thereupon the Superintendent of Elections canvassed, computed, and consolidated the returns of the election and concurrent with the adoption of this resolution delivered a certified copy of the consolidated return of the election to the Commission, and the result of the election was as follows:

Total Voted Ballots Cast	16,133
Total Blank Votes Cast	35
Total Ballots Cast	16,168
Spoiled Ballots	0
Total number of votes cast FOR the imposition of a special 0.5 percent sales and use tax for funding coliseum capital outlay projects and project costs	10,658
Total number of votes cast AGAINST the imposition of a special 0.5 percent sales and use tax for funding coliseum capital outlay projects and project costs	5,475

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Augusta-Richmond County Commission, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the election resulted in favor of the imposition of a special 0.5 percent sales and use tax for the purpose of funding coliseum capital outlay projects and project costs, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified voters of Richmond County voting in the election held for such purpose, that the imposition of the special 0.5 percent sales and use tax for the purpose of funding coliseum capital outlay projects and project costs and the issuance of the General Obligation Debt have been authorized as required by law, and that the results of the election are hereby declared to be as set forth above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that a duly certified copy of the consolidated election return of the Superintendent of Elections be attached to this resolution as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE this 5th day of December 2023.

(SEAL)

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

By: _____
Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Commission

EXHIBIT "A"
CONSOLIDATED ELECTION RETURN

[Attached]

A RESOLUTION OF THE RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS DECLARING THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023 TO DETERMINE THE IMPOSITION OR NON-IMPOSITION OF A SPECIAL 0.5 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING COLISEUM CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS AND RELATED PROJECT COSTS; AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Augusta-Richmond County Commission (the “Commission”), which is charged with the duties of levying taxes, contracting debts, and managing the affairs of Augusta, Georgia (the “Consolidated Government”), and the Richmond County Board of Elections (the “Superintendent of Elections”), which is the Superintendent of Elections of Richmond County, called an election that was held on November 7, 2023 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of Richmond County the question of whether or not a special 0.5 percent sales and use tax for the purpose of funding coliseum capital outlay projects and project costs should be imposed; and

WHEREAS, the ballots used in the election provided that if imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the Consolidated Government in the principal amount of \$250,000,000 (the “General Obligation Debt”); and

WHEREAS, the returns of the election were duly brought up by the Managers of such election, as required by law, and were presented to the Superintendent of Elections on its own behalf and on behalf of the Commission for consolidation and for the declaration of the result of the election; and

WHEREAS, the returns of the election were received from all of the poll officers and thereupon the Superintendent of Elections canvassed, computed, and consolidated the returns of the election, and the result of the election was as follows:

Total Voted Ballots Cast 16,133

Total Blank Votes Cast 35

Total Ballots Cast 16,168

Spoiled Ballots 0

Total number of votes cast **FOR** the imposition of a special 0.5 percent sales and use tax for funding coliseum capital outlay projects and project costs

10,658

Total number of votes cast **AGAINST** the imposition of a special 0.5 percent sales and use tax for funding coliseum capital outlay projects and project costs

5,475

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Richmond County Board of Elections, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the election resulted in favor of the imposition of a special 0.5 percent sales and use tax for the purpose of funding coliseum capital outlay projects and project costs, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified voters of Richmond County voting in the election held for such purpose, that the imposition of the special 0.5 percent sales and use tax for the purpose of funding coliseum capital outlay projects and project costs and the issuance of the General Obligation Debt have been authorized as required by law, and that the results of the election are hereby declared to be as set forth above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the election returns of the several Managers on file with the Superintendent of Elections are incorporated herein by this reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that a duly certified copy of this resolution be furnished to the Commission so that it may declare the results of the election as provided by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE this 13th day of November 2023.

RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By 

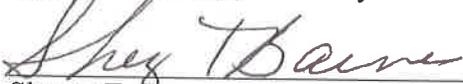
Tim McFalls, Chairperson



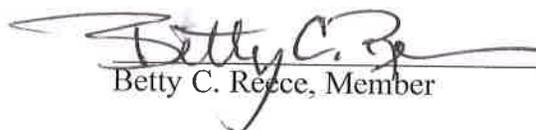
Isaac J. McAdams, Vice Chairperson



Marcia E. Brown, Secretary



Sherry T. Barnes, Member



Betty C. Reece, Member

**STATE OF GEORGIA
RICHMOND COUNTY**

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, **MARCIA BROWN**, Secretary of the Richmond County Board of Elections, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Richmond County Board of Elections at an open public meeting duly called and lawfully assembled at 6:00 p.m., on the 13th day of November 2023, in connection with declaring the results of an election pertaining to the imposition or non-imposition of a special 0.5 percent sales and use tax, the original of such resolution being duly recorded in the Minute Book of the Richmond County Board of Elections, which Minute Book is in my custody and control at the Board of Elections Office located at 535 Telfair Street, Room 500, Augusta, Georgia.

I do hereby further certify that the following members of the Richmond County Board of Elections were present at such meeting:

Timothy McFalls
Sherry T. Barnes
Marcia E. Brown
Isaac J. McAdams
Betty C. Reece

and that the following members were absent:

and that such resolution was duly adopted by a vote of:

Aye 5 Nay .

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the Richmond County Board of Elections, this the 13th day of November 2023.

(SEAL)

Marcia Brown
Secretary

**STATE OF GEORGIA
RICHMOND COUNTY**

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, **LENA J. BONNER**, Clerk of Commission, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Augusta-Richmond County Commission (the "Commission") at an open public meeting duly called and lawfully assembled at 2:00 p.m., on the 5th day of December 2023, in connection with declaring the results of an election pertaining to the imposition or non-imposition of a special 0.5 percent sales and use tax, the original of such resolution being duly recorded in the Minute Book of the Commission, which Minute Book is in my custody and control.

I do hereby further certify that the following members of the Commission were present at such meeting:

Mayor Garnett L. Johnson
Jordan Johnson
Stacy Pulliam
Catherine Smith McKnight
Alvin Mason
Bobby Williams
Tony Lewis
Sean Frantom
Brandon Garrett
Francine Scott
Wayne Guilfoyle

and that the following members were absent:

and that such resolution was duly adopted by a vote of:

Aye ___ Nay ___

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of Augusta, Georgia, this the 5th day of December 2023.

(SEAL)

Clerk of Commission