

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-67

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AN INCREASE IN THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT) RATE AT THIRTEEN PERCENT (13%) PURSUANT TO MEASURE Y EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, the City of Coachella Municipal Code, Chapter 4.28 defines and imposes a tax on transient occupancies in Coachella hotels, motels and short-term rentals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to propose an amendment to the Coachella Municipal Code to increase the maximum rate of the TOT from nine percent (9%) to thirteen percent (13%); and

WHEREAS, currently, the TOT tax is set at a rate of 9%; and

WHEREAS, at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election, the voters of Coachella approved an increase in the maximum TOT rate from nine percent (9%) to thirteen percent (13%), along with making other technical amendments to the Chapter (“Measure Y”); and

WHEREAS, Section 4.28.150 of the Coachella Municipal Code (approved as part of “Measure Y”) authorizes the City Council to adjust the TOT rate upwardly or downwardly to any rate within the voter-approved thirteen percent (13%) maximum without a further vote of the People; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its authority under the Coachella Municipal Code, the City Council desires to set the TOT tax at the rate of thirteen percent (13%).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. As authorized by Coachella Municipal Code sections 4.28.030 and 4.28.150, the transient occupancy tax (TOT) rate is set at thirteen percent (13%) of rent payable by the transient (as defined in Chapter 4.28 of the Municipal Code), effective January 1, 2025.

SECTION 2. Except as otherwise stated herein, all provisions of Chapter 4.28 of the Coachella Municipal Code shall apply to the imposition, collection and administration of the Coachella transient occupancy tax.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Section 4.28.150 of the Coachella Municipal Code, the City Council may, by future resolution or ordinance, adjust the transient occupancy tax rate set forth herein, without a further vote of the People; provided that the adjusted rate is no higher than the voter-approved thirteen percent (13%) maximum rate set forth in Section 4.28.030.

SECTION 4. CEQA. The City Council hereby finds and determines that this resolution relates to organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore is not a project within the meaning of

the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the State CEQA Guidelines, section 15378(b)(5).

SECTION 5. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Resolution irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

SECTION 6. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of December 2024.

Steven A. Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela M. Zepeda
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos Campos
City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF COACHELLA)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2024-67 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Coachella at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 11^h day of December, 2024, by the following vote of Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Delia Granados
Deputy City Clerk