

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FINANCE; ADOPTING
A BUDGET FOR THE CITY'S OPERATIONS FOR THE
YEAR 2024.**

R E C I T A L S:

1. The Mayor and Council, with the aid of the City staff, has undertaken an extensive review of the anticipated needs of the City for the year 2024, as well as the revenues available to finance those needs. That review has included workshops held by the Mayor and Council reviewing all available information.

2. As a result, a preliminary budget was presented. Public input was sought and received in relation to various elements of the preliminary budget draft through the holding of public hearings. The final public hearing on the budget was held on October 29, 2023.

3. As was true during the course of the development of the budgets for prior years, the economic situation of the City in terms of revenue remains challenging.

4. The Mayor and Council have sought to develop a budget which is balanced while providing adequately for the needs of the City and its citizens while not imposing undue fiscal burdens upon the citizens. The situation is one which continues to require the City to consider actions which are very difficult, both from an operational standpoint and, just as importantly, in light of their actual or potential impacts upon City's citizens and businesses as well as the employees whose services are so important to the

operation of the City.

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5. Prior to the finalization of this budget, the Council adopted and thereafter the Mayor signed an ordinance establishing the authorized level of taxation on real property within the City. A certified copy of that ordinance has been delivered to the appropriate County officials by the Clerk-Treasurer.

6. After a final review by the elected officials and staff, it has been determined by the Council that the best interests of the Citizens and this City are served by the adoption of a budget as set forth upon Attachment "A" and Attachment "B".

7. The budget as set forth is balanced in terms of projected income and expenditures. It is adopted as a budget by fund and not a line-item budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCCLEARY:

SECTION I: There is hereby adopted as the budget for the City of McCleary for the calendar year 2024 the expenditures and revenues set forth upon Attachment "A", and wages and salaries set forth upon Attachment "B", attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

SECTION II: A full and complete budget document showing in detail the revenues and expenditures, and wages and salaries anticipated and/or made pursuant to the provisions of Section I of this Ordinance is on file with the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer, City of McCleary, and shall be available to any interested citizen during the regular business hours of the City and also shall be posted upon the City 's website. The Clerk-Treasurer shall further take such steps as are necessary to distribute information as to the budget to those governmental

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agencies, if any, to which such information is to be provided.

SECTION III: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases had been declared invalid or unconstitutional, and if for any reason this Ordinance should be declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the original ordinance or ordinances shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION III: This Ordinance shall take effect upon the fifth day following date of publication.

SECTION IV: Corrections by the City Clerk-Treasurer or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the Mayor and City Attorney, the City Clerk-Treasurer and the Code Reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors, references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations, or ordinance number and section/subsection numbering.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023, by the City Council of the City of McCleary, and signed in approval therewith this _____ day of _____, 2023.

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CITY OF MCCLEARY:

CHRISTOPHER MILLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNA AMSBURY, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CHRISTOPHER JOHN COKER, City Attorney

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