

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Presented By:  
City Manager

Action Taken:  
Yes\_\_\_\_  
No\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**

**ORDINANCE NO. O-25-06-09**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NOME CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 17.10.010, SALES TAX, TO PROVIDE FOR A SIX PERCENT (6%) SALES TAX LEVY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF NOME**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome needs additional revenue to provide services necessary for the basic function of government and provision of education to the children of Nome; and

**WHEREAS**, anticipated revenues for FY 2026 are currently inadequate to fund City services and education at a level desired by the Nome City Council and by other members of the community including the Nome Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the future of any community lies in providing basic governmental services and quality education to the children of that community; and

**WHEREAS**, a one percent (1%) increase in the sales tax levy would partially address revenue needs of the City;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA:**

**Section 1. Classification:** This is a code ordinance.

**Section 2. Amendment of NCO § 17.10.010:** That NCO 17.10.010 of the Code of Ordinances of Nome, Alaska, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**17.10.010       Sales tax.**

There shall be levied and collected a sales tax of ~~five~~ **six** percent of the selling price on all retail sales and rentals of goods and services in the city, except as provided in NCO Section 17.10.020.

**Section 3. Authorization for Election.** The City of Nome shall hold a municipal election and place before the qualified voters a proposition for approval or rejection. The City Clerk is directed to take all action necessary to arrange for the proposition to be presented at the municipal election. The proposition shall be substantially in the following form:

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

SHOULD THE CITY'S SALES TAX RATE INCREASE FROM FIVE PERCENT (5%) TO SIX PERCENT (6%)?

Shall Section 17.10.010 of the Nome Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows  
[Struck words are deleted; new words are **bold and underlined**]?

There shall be levied and collected a sales tax of ~~five~~ six percent of the selling price on all retail sales and rentals of goods and services in the city, except as provided in NCO Section 17.10.020.

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YES ( )

NO ( )

YES means that the sales tax rate should increase to 6%.

NO means that the sales tax rate should remain at 5%.

**Section 4. Effective Date:** Section 2 of this ordinance shall become effective following the certification of election results showing that approval by a majority vote of those qualified voters actually voting on the question at the election. The remaining sections shall be effective upon adoption.

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** the 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

**JOHN K. HANDELAND**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

**DAN GRIMMER**  
City Clerk