

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING THE CALLING AND HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION IN SAID CITY OF NORMAN, STATE OF OKLAHOMA ON THE 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID CITY THE QUESTION OF APPROVING OR REJECTING ORDINANCE O-2526-32, WHICH ORDINANCE AMENDS SECTIONS 12-501 AND 12-502 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA BY EXPANDING THE APPLICATION OF THE TAX RATE TO INCLUDE SPACES RENTED FOR OVERNIGHT STAYS IN RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND INCREASING THE EXCISE TAX UPON THE GROSS PROCEEDS OR GROSS RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM RENTS RECEIVED FROM OCCUPANCY OF HOTEL ROOMS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SPACES FROM EIGHT PERCENT TO TEN PERCENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SAID INCREASE SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the Norman Transient Guest Room Tax Ordinance was originally adopted in May 1980 with the citizens of Norman voting to enact the corresponding excise tax of four percent (4%) in July 1980; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the excise tax has been increased twice since its original adoption when it was increased from four percent (4%) to five percent (5%) in 2013 and from five percent (5%) to eight percent (8%) in 2023; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, excise tax funds collected through this tax are used exclusively for the purpose of encouraging, promoting and fostering the convention and tourism development in the City of Norman; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, increasing numbers of visitors to Norman are bringing recreational vehicles to Norman and renting space to park and stay in the vehicle during their visit to Norman;
- § 5. WHEREAS, increased revenue collected from the Transient Guest Room Tax can enhance convention and tourism development through investments in City parks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 6. Proposition. That the Mayor of the City of Norman, Oklahoma, or in his absence or incapacity, the duly qualified Mayor Pro Tem, be and hereby is authorized and directed to call a special election to be held in the City of Norman, Oklahoma, on the 7th day of April, 2026 for the purpose of submitting to the registered, qualified voters of said City of Norman, Oklahoma, for their approval or rejection the following propositions:

PROPOSITION 2

Shall Ordinance O-2526-32 of the Council of the City of Norman, Oklahoma, increasing the Transient Guest Room Tax Rate by two percent (2%) to a total of ten percent (10%) and expanding the application of the tax rate to include spaces temporarily rented for overnight stays in a recreational vehicle, effective on July 1, 2026, be approved?

§ 7. Election Procedures. That with respect to the election to be held on April 7, 2026:

a. The number and location of the polling places, the hours of opening and closing of the polls, and the names of the officers who shall conduct the election shall be the same as the regular polling places and persons prescribed and selected by the Cleveland County Election Board for elections in Norman, Oklahoma. As provided in Title 26, Oklahoma Statutes Section 13-103, the City authorizes the Cleveland County Election Board to open all precinct polling places located within the municipal boundaries of the City.

b. That the Special Election Proclamation and Notice of even date, a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk and which is incorporated herein by reference, calling said election is hereby approved in all respects, and the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem is hereby authorized to execute said Special Election Proclamation and Notice on behalf of the City, and the City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest and affix the seal of the City to said Special Election Proclamation and Notice, and to cause a copy of said Special Election Proclamation and Notice to be published as required by law, and a copy thereof delivered to the Cleveland County Election Board.

c. That the City Clerk shall serve or cause to be served, a copy of this Ordinance and the Special Election Proclamation and Notice upon the office of the Cleveland County Election Board at least sixty days prior to the date of the election as required by law.

§ 8. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk