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Date: _____, 2026

RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SANDPOINT

TITLE: BALLOT QUESTION FOR MAY 19, 2026, ELECTION - CITY OF SANDPOINT 1% TAX ON RETAIL SALES 2027 - 2046

WHEREAS: Idaho Code § 50-1046 provides for the adoption of local option non-property taxes, including a local sales tax, when approved by a 60% majority of the City's voters;

WHEREAS: The City of Sandpoint qualifies as a "resort city" under Idaho Code § 50-1044, with a population not exceeding 10,000 according to the most recent census, and derives a major portion of its economic well-being from businesses catering to recreational needs and meeting needs of people traveling to Sandpoint for extended periods of time;

WHEREAS: City Council seeks a decision by Sandpoint voters as to whether the Council should adopt an ordinance implementing a new local sales tax;

WHEREAS: The tax shall apply to all taxable retail sales within the City of Sandpoint, except occupancy sales subject to taxation under Chapter 36 of Title 63, Idaho Code;

WHEREAS: Sixty percent (60%) of revenues shall be dedicated to street maintenance, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and preservation within the City of Sandpoint;

WHEREAS: Forty percent (40%) of revenues shall be dedicated to capital improvements, rehabilitation, replacement, repair, debt service, and related financing costs for the City's sewer utility system, including but not limited to the wastewater treatment plant, collection system, and related infrastructure, for the purpose of maintaining regulatory compliance, protecting public health, and reducing costs to sewer utility users; and

WHEREAS: The City may retain from the tax proceeds the actual and necessary costs of administering, collecting, and enforcing the tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A City of Sandpoint special election shall be held on May 19, 2026, for the purpose of considering the adoption of a local option non-property tax as provided by Idaho Code § 50-1046.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The following question shall be placed on the ballot for consideration by the registered voters of the City of Sandpoint.

**LOCAL OPTION NON-PROPERTY 1% CITY SALES TAX ON RETAIL SALES
CITY OF SANDPOINT, STATE OF IDAHO
MAY 19, 2026**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote on the following question, fill in the square according to the way you want to vote on the question. If you, by mistake or accident, mark, tear, or deface, or otherwise mutilate this ballot, return it to the election judges and obtain another ballot.

QUESTION: Shall the City of Sandpoint, Bonner County, Idaho, adopt an ordinance pursuant to Idaho Code § 50-1046 providing for a 1% local option non-property sales tax, to be effective for a period of twenty (20) years, beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2046?

The tax shall apply to all taxable retail sales within the City of Sandpoint, except occupancy sales subject to taxation under Chapter 36 of Title 63, Idaho Code.

Revenue from this tax, the total amount of which is unknown, shall be used only for the following purposes and in the following proportions:

- 1. Sixty percent (60%) of revenues shall be dedicated to street maintenance, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and preservation within the City of Sandpoint; and
- 2. Forty percent (40%) of revenues shall be dedicated to capital improvements, rehabilitation, replacement, repair, debt service, and related financing costs for the City's sewer utility system, including but not limited to the wastewater treatment plant, collection system, and related infrastructure, for the purpose of maintaining regulatory compliance, protecting public health, and reducing costs to sewer utility users.

The City may retain from the tax proceeds the actual and necessary costs of administering, collecting, and enforcing the tax.

On the issue of a 1% tax on retail sales within Sandpoint city limits:

IN FAVOR.....

AGAINST.....

This Resolution was approved by a majority of the Sandpoint City Council during a duly-noticed public meeting held February 18, 2026.

Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ward, City Clerk