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TO: City Council

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**SUBJECT:** Transportation Benefit District Tax Ordinance

## **Introduction**

Attached is a draft ordinance (Attachment 1) imposing a sales and use tax. The proposal implements the voters' February 11<sup>th</sup> approval of Proposition 1, a 0.3% sales and use tax related to the Stevenson Transportation Benefit District (Attachment 2). Staff recommends adoption of the changes, either on this, the first, touch or a second touch at a special meeting prior to the April regular meeting.



## **Scope of Changes**

The draft ordinance proposes amendment to Title 3 – Revenue & Finance of the Stevenson Municipal Code. This title imposes taxes and controls how some revenues are to be used. Chapter 3.08 imposes retail sales and use taxes. A new section is proposed for this chapter which:

- Imposes the 0.3% sales and use tax within the boundaries of the Stevenson Transportation Benefit District (city limits).
- Limits collection of the tax to a period of 10 years unless renewed.
- Clarifies the tax as in addition to other taxes.
- Limits use of tax revenues to uses previously described.

## **Timing**

The State Department of Revenue (DOR) collects these taxes on the our behalf. The DOR only changes the tax rate on January, April, and July 1<sup>st</sup>. In order for them to provide appropriate notice of upcoming changes, the DOR requires information at least 75 days in advance of the above dates. For a change to occur on July 1<sup>st</sup>, they must receive our notice by April 17<sup>th</sup>, the date of the next regular Council meeting.

Prepared by,

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## Attachments:

- Draft Ordinance
- Certified Election Results