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ORDINANCE NO. 4.504

BILL NO. 20-04

AN ORDINANCE TO OPT OUT OF THE BACK TO SCHOOL STATE IMPOSED SALES TAX HOLIDAY.

Legislative Findings

1. The Missouri General Assembly has passed and the Governor has signed House Bill 64 that establishes a so-called “sales tax holiday” for the first weekend in August; and

2. The legislation does not provide for the reimbursement to local governments for lost revenues, and

3. The sales tax holiday will significantly reduce local revenues, and

4. Municipalities depend on sales tax revenues to provide essential services for the citizens, including police, fire, ambulance, parks, streets, code enforcement, and emergency preparedness and response, among other services.; and

5. These sales taxes were approved by a vote of the people who expect the promised services, and

6. The legislation authorizes local governments to opt out of the sales tax holiday by ordinance of the governing body,

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

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Gladstone hereby declines to grant the temporary sales tax exemption provided for under Section 144.049 RSMo., 2005, for sales of certain clothing, personal computers, certain computer software, and school supplies that occur within the boundaries of the City of Gladstone beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday in August and ending at midnight on the Sunday following from local sales taxes.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to send written notice to the State of Missouri Department of Revenue as soon as possible, but no later than 45 days prior to the sales tax holiday, of the decision to opt out of the “Sales Tax Holiday,” by forwarding a cover letter and certified copy of this ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, THIS 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

Mayor Carol J. Suter

ATTEST:

Ruth E. Bocchino, City Clerk

1st Reading: February 10, 2020

2nd Reading: February 10, 2020



Request for Council Action

RES # City Clerk Only

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Date: 2/4/2020

Department: Finance

Meeting Date Requested: 2/10/2020

Public Hearing: Yes Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Subject: Back to School Sales Tax Holiday

Background: The Back to School Tax Holiday occurs on the first Friday in August beginning at 12:01 A.M. and lasting until Sunday at midnight. Cities that choose not to participate in the holiday must enact an ordinance to not participate no later than 45 days prior to the holiday.

Budget Discussion: Funds are budgeted in the amount of \$ [Click here to enter amount](#) from the Choose a Fund Fund. Ongoing costs are estimated to be \$ [Click here to enter amount](#) annually. Previous years' funding was \$ [Click here to enter amount](#)

Public/Board/Staff Input: The Back to School tax Holiday occurs on the first Friday in August and ending on that Sunday. An ordinance is on the City Council agenda for February 10, 2020 for consideration. For the City to participate, the City Council should vote NO on the ordinance. If the City Council wishes to NOT participate, the City Council should vote yes.

Provide Original Contracts, Leases, Agreements, etc. to: City Clerk and Vendor

Dominic Accurso
Department Director/Administrator

PC
City Attorney

SW
City Manager