

ORDINANCE NO 1933

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF EL DORADO, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A NEW ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.50%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF EL DORADO, ARKANSAS FOR HOSPITAL AND RELATED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Dorado, Arkansas (the "City") has passed on December 18, 2025, Ordinance No. 1932 providing for the levy of a new one-half of one percent (0.50%) sales and use tax within the City (the "Sales and Use Tax") to assist in the maintenance, improvement, renovation, expansion, equipping and insuring of hospital and related health care facilities and to assist in obtaining access to providers of health care services at hospital and related health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to call a special election on the question of the levy of the Sales and Use Tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of El Dorado, Arkansas.

Section 1. There is hereby called a special election, to be held on March 3, 2026, at which election there shall be submitted to the electors of the City the question of the levy of the Sales and Use Tax.

Section 2. The question of levying the Sales and Use Tax shall be placed on the ballot for the election in substantially the following form.

0.50% SALES AND USE TAX FOR HOSPITAL
AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Adoption of a 0.50% local sales and use tax within the City of El Dorado, Arkansas (the "City"), the net collections of which after deduction of the administrative charges of the State of Arkansas and required rebates, to be used by the City to assist in the maintenance, improvement, renovation, expansion, equipping and insuring of hospital and related health care facilities and to assist in obtaining access to providers of health care services at hospital and related health care facilities, including particularly, without limitation, the hospital facility known as "South Arkansas Regional Hospital", including land, buildings and equipment (collectively, the "Hospital"). It is anticipated that the Hospital will be conveyed by Union County, Arkansas and South Arkansas Regional Hospital LLC ("SARH") to the City for nominal consideration if the sales and use tax is approved. It is further anticipated that after the Hospital is conveyed to the City, the Hospital will be leased by the City to SARH or to another non-profit corporation for nominal rental.

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Section 3 The election shall be held and conducted and the vote canvassed and the results declared under the law and in the manner now provided for municipal elections unless otherwise provided in Title 26, Chapter 75, Subchapter 2 of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated (the "Authorizing Legislation") and only qualified voters of the City shall have the right to vote at the election.

Section 4. The results of the election shall be proclaimed by the Mayor, and his Proclamation shall be published one time in a newspaper published in the City and having a general circulation therein, which Proclamation shall advise that the results as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless attacked in the courts within thirty days after the date of publication.

Section 5 A copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Union County Clerk at least 70 days prior to the election date. A copy of this Ordinance shall also be given to the Union County Board of Election Commissioners so that the necessary election officials and supplies may be provided. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall also be provided to the Commissioner of Revenues of the State of Arkansas as soon as practical.

Section 6. The Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City, be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to call and hold the special election as herein provided and, if the levy of the Sales and Use Tax is approved by the electors, to cause the Sales and Use Tax to be collected in accordance with the Authorizing Legislation, and to perform all acts of whatever nature necessary to carry out the authority conferred by this Ordinance.

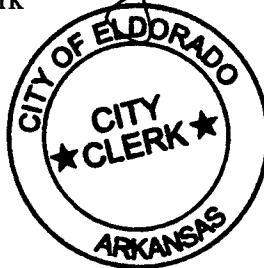
Section 7. All ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 8. The provisions of this Ordinance are separable and if a section, phrase or provision shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

PASSED: December 18, 2025

ATTEST:

Leather McWay
City Clerk
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APPROVED

B. W.
Mayor