

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF GRANT, STATE OF ARKANSAS,
AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE COUNTY OF GRANT, STATE OF ARKANSAS, ON THE CHANGE OF THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT (.25%) DISTRIBUTED TO GRANT COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBSIDIZING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN GRANT COUNTY ADOPTED BY THE CITIZENS OF GRANT COUNTY ON AUGUST 12, 2008 TO NO EXPIRATION DATE; AND TO EXPAND THE DESIGNATED PURPOSES OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX.

WHEREAS, the County of Grant, Arkansas (the "County") is a county duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arkansas (the "State"); and

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of the County has determined that there continues to exist in the County a demand for emergency medical services, including ambulance services, and supplies and training for first responder organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court submitted a county-wide sales and use tax to the electors of Grant County by Appropriation Ordinance No. 2008-02, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated Section 26-74-301 and the electors of Grant County approved a county-wide sales and use tax of one quarter of one percent (.25%) for the purpose of subsidizing emergency medical services in Grant County on August 12, 2008, and such tax set to expire on December 31, 2018;

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of the County has determined that it has become necessary to expand the definition of "emergency medical services" to include "any other public safety purpose as approved by the Quorum Court;" and

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of the County has further determined that it would be in the best interests of the County that the Sales and Use Tax approved by the electors of Grant County on August 12, 2008 should be extended from the expiration date of December 31, 2018 to no expiration date, to ensure the continued availability of emergency medical services, especially ambulance service, for the citizens of Grant County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to submit to the electors of the County the question of changing the expiration date for the sales and use tax levied for the subsidizing of emergency medical services in Grant County and to expand the definition of "emergency medical services" to include "any other public safety purpose as approved by the Quorum Court;" and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Quorum Court of Grant County, Arkansas:

Article 1. That there be, and there is hereby called, a special election to be held on October 10, 2017, at which election there shall be submitted the question of extending the expiration date of the county-wide Sales and Use Tax at the rate one quarter of one percent (.25%) for subsidizing emergency medical

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services, to no expiration date, and for expanding the definition of "emergency medical services" to include "any other public safety purpose as approved by the Quorum Court."

Article 2. That the Sales and Use Tax will be levied and collected in the same manner as authorized by Appropriation Ordinance No. 2008-02 and as authorized by the special election.

Article 3. That the Sales and Use Tax will have no expiration date.

Article 4. Definitions. "Emergency Medical Services" is defined as ambulance services, supplies and training for first responders, and any other public safety purpose as approved by the Quorum Court.

Article 5. That the question of extending the expiration date of the Sales and Use Tax and to expand the definition of "emergency medical services" shall be placed on a ballot for the election in substantially the following form:

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL ELECTION
Grant County, Arkansas
October 10, 2017**

A PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF A ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT (.25%) COUNTY WIDE SALES AND USE TAX FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FROM DECEMBER 31, 2018 TO NO EXPIRATION DATE, AND FOR THE EXPANDING OF THE DEFINITION OF "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES" TO INCLUDE "ANY OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSE AS APPROVED BY THE QUORUM COURT."

FOR, the extension of the expiration date of a county-wide one quarter of one percent (.25%) sales and use tax from December 31, 2018 to no expiration date for the purpose of subsidizing emergency medical services in Grant County and for expanding the definition of "emergency medical services" to include "any other public safety purpose as approved by the quorum court."

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Article 6. That in the event a majority of qualified electors voting on the question vote for the extension of the expiration date and expansion of the definition, the expanded definition shall become effective and enforceable immediately, and the new expiration date shall become effective, enforceable, and collectable at the expiration date currently set for December 31, 2018.

Article 7. That the County Clerk is authorized and directed to give notice of the election by one publication in a newspaper having general circulation within the County. Publication shall be made not less than ten (10) days prior to the election.

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