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All department items requiring Council approval must be submitted through the Mayor's Office.

Primary Details

Board Approval

Other Board Name

City Council Approval
● Yes ○ No

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Mayors Office

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Resolution Type
Other

Owner-Grantor

Amount

Case Number

TMAPC Number

Council District

Description (Subject)
Special Election February 10, 2026 - Increase Hotel Tax from 5% to 9.25%

Bid/Project Number

Section

Township

Range

Addition

Lot

Block

Address

Budget

Funding Source(s)

TOTAL:

Enter the funding source(s) using the appropriate Munis funding format: Org (Allocation Code)-Object-Amount (1001211-531401-$10.00) or Project String-Amount (144104.AbstrTitle5413102.6001-4043122-541102-$30,000.01)

Approvals

Department:	Caroline A. Wolf	**Date:** 11/6/25
Legal:		**Date:** 11/6/25
Board:		**Date:**
Mayor:	Krystal S. Reyes	**Date:** NOV 06 2025
Other:	Mayor Pro Tem	**Date:**

Policy Statement

Background Information

Provide background information on the requested action.

Summation of the Requested Action
A resolution calling for and requesting the election board conduct a non-partisan special election on February 10, 2026 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tulsa the question of increasing the hotel tax from five percent (5%) to nine and one-quarter percent (9.25%)

Summarize the pertinent details of the requested action.

Emergency Clause?
● Yes
○ No

Reason for Emergency Clause
In order to meet the election filing deadlines for Tulsa County Election Board.

Explain why you are requesting that the City Council approve the action with an emergency clause.

Processing Information for City Clerk's Office

Post Execution Processing

☐ Mail vendor copy (addt'l signature copies attached)
☑ **Must be filed with other governmental entity**
☐ Addt'l governmental entity approval(s) required

Additional Routing and Processing Details

Provide 1 original to Summer Graham and Caroline Guerra-Wolf for filing with Tulsa County Election Board

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR, AND REQUESTING THE ELECTION BOARD TO CONDUCT, A NON-PARTISAN SPECIAL ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 10, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF TULSA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OKLAHOMA STATUTES TITLE 68, §§ 2701 AND 2705, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER CITY OF TULSA ORDINANCE NO. _____, INCREASING THE LEVY OF AN EXCISE TAX UPON THE GROSS PROCEEDS OR GROSS RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM THE RENT FROM EVERY OCCUPANCY OF A ROOM OR ROOMS IN A HOTEL IN THIS CITY FROM FIVE PERCENT (5%) TO NINE AND ONE-QUARTER PERCENT (9.25%), SHALL BE APPROVED; GIVING NOTICE TO THE TULSA, OSAGE, ROGERS, AND WAGONER COUNTY ELECTION BOARDS OF SAID ELECTION, PURSUANT TO OKLAHOMA STATUTES TITLE 26, § 3-101 AND § 13-102, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO; AUTHORIZING AND REQUESTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TULSA TO CALL AND PROCLAIM THE HOLDING OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF TULSA IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VI OF THE CITY CHARTER, SECTION 4 "CALLING ELECTIONS"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Tulsa has adopted Ordinance No. _____, increasing the levy of an excise tax upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from the rent from every occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel in this city from five percent (5%) to nine and one-quarter percent (9.25%), which ordinance is subject to approval or rejection by the registered voters of the City at an election called for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Statutes Title 26, § 13-102, and amendments thereto require the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, to give by resolution sixty (60) days' notice of a special election to the Tulsa, Osage, Rogers, and Wagoner County Election Boards, stating therein the date of said election, the question(s) to be voted upon at said election, and other information necessary for conducting the said election; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Statutes Title 26, § 3-101, and amendments thereto require the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, to file the resolution calling for the election with the county election board

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secretary no later than seventy-five (75) days prior to the election date when seeking to hold a regular or special election to be conducted by a county election board on the same date as a regular or special federal or state election; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 4, of the Charter of the City of Tulsa requires the Mayor to issue proclamations and notices calling all elections in the City; and

WHEREAS, Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 100, of the Tulsa Revised Ordinances, provides for use of absentee ballots in all special elections in the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the manner and in accordance with the provisions now established by the laws of Oklahoma and the Federal government;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TULSA:

Section 1. That notice be and the same is hereby given of a special election, and the election boards of Tulsa, Osage, Wagoner and Rogers County are hereby requested to conduct a special election in the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, to submit to the qualified voters of the City, for approval or rejection, an increase of the levy of an excise tax upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from the rent from every occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel in this city from five percent (5%) to nine and one-quarter percent (9.25%), pursuant to Ordinance No. _____.

Section 2. That under and by virtue of Oklahoma Statutes Title 68, §§ 2701 and 2705, the ballot setting forth the following Proposition shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, at said election, to wit:

"Hotel Tax Proposition No. 1"

"Do you approve Ordinance No. _____, which increases the levy of an excise tax from five percent (5%) to nine and one-quarter percent (9.25%) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from the rent from every occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel in this City and establishes an effective date of July 1, 2026?"

The ballot setting forth the above Proposition shall also contain in connection with the Proposition the following words and symbols:

"□ FOR the Proposition – YES"

"□ AGAINST the Proposition – NO"

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Section 3. That the Mayor of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, pursuant to Article VI of the City Charter, Section 4, is hereby authorized and requested to call and proclaim a special election to be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tulsa the above-stated Proposition for approval or rejection.

Section 4. That the Proclamation signed by the Mayor of the City of Tulsa, and attested by the City Clerk, shall set forth the Proposition to be voted upon, the numbers and locations of the polling places, the date of the election, and the hours of opening and closing the polls, providing that said election shall be conducted by those precinct officials designated by the Tulsa County, Osage County, Rogers County and Wagoner County Election Boards, which officials shall also act as counters; that the ballots used at the election shall set forth the Proposition to be voted upon substantially as set out in Section 2 above; that the returns of the election shall be made to, and canvassed by, the County Election Board of Tulsa County, in the State of Oklahoma, and be certified to the Council of the City of Tulsa, which shall canvass the results as in the case of a general election and certify the results thereof as required by law, that is, Article VI Tulsa City Charter, Section 5, and that the election shall be conducted in all respects as provided by law.

Section 5. That, pursuant to Tulsa City Charter Article VI, Section 2.1, this election, and all elections in the City of Tulsa, shall be non-partisan. As provided in Oklahoma Statutes Title 26, Section 13-103, all precincts totally or partially contained within the Tulsa city limits shall be open for voting on February 10, 2026. That Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 100, of the Tulsa Revised Ordinances, provides for the use of absentee ballots in all special elections in the City of Tulsa, in the manner and in accordance with the provisions now established by the laws of Oklahoma and the Federal government.

Section 6. That only the qualified electors registered to vote under the laws of Oklahoma, in the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, may vote upon the Proposition above set forth; and that the Proposition, as above set forth, must be approved by a majority of the voters voting on that Proposition. If on February 10, 2026, the voters of the City of Tulsa do not pass and approve said tax, then Ordinance No. _____ shall be null and void and of no further effect, pursuant to Oklahoma Statutes Title 68, Section 2705.

Section 7. That the Tulsa County Election Board be and is hereby notified that all elections in said City shall be held in the manner provided by the general election laws of Oklahoma, as far as the same may be applicable (Oklahoma Statutes Title 26, Section 13-101), and in other respects in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Tulsa and ordinances of the City made by authority thereof.

Section 8. That a true and correct copy of this Resolution be and the same is hereby ordered and directed to be submitted to the Secretary of the Tulsa County Election Board at least seventy-five (75) days prior to the election on February 10, 2026, that is, no later than November 26, 2025, pursuant to Oklahoma Statutes Title 26, §§ 1-106, 3-101, 13-102 and other applicable law.

Section 9. Severability Clause. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution or any part thereof is for any reason found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Resolution or any part thereof.

Section 10. Emergency Clause. That an emergency is hereby declared to exist for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, by reason whereof this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted by the Council _____.
Date

_____
Chair of the Council

ADOPTED as an emergency measure: _____.
Date

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Chair of the Council

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APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma: _____,
Date
at _____.
Time

_____
Monroe Nichols IV, Mayor

(Seal)

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

Approved:

_____
City Attorney CBW

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