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**ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 13**

**AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING THE PROPOSITION OF AMENDING THE PRESENT ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT RETAILERS' SALES TAX TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINSON AND SETTING FORTH THE LANGUAGE TO BE USED ON THE BALLOT**

WHEREAS, a majority of the electors voting thereon approved the levying of an additional retailers' sales tax in the City of Hutchinson at an election on December 14, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the tax were to be used by the City for street and sidewalk improvements and to be used by the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center for the facility expansion purposes only and the tax was to expire in five years and not continue without first having a vote by the people; and

WHEREAS, the additional retailers' sales tax was extended by electors of the City of Hutchinson, from April 1, 1999 to an expiration date of March 31, 2009, and by allowing City usage for ongoing street and sidewalk improvements, and property tax reduction and by allowing Cosmosphere usage for ongoing operations and capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the additional retailers' sales tax was extended by electors of the City of Hutchinson, from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2014, and by allowing City usage of said tax for street and sidewalk improvements and property tax reduction and for the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center and the Kansas Underground Salt Museum for ongoing operations and capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the additional retailers' sales tax was extended by electors of the City of Hutchinson, from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2019, and by allowing City usage of said tax for street and sidewalk improvements and property tax reduction and for the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center and the Kansas Underground Salt Museum for ongoing operations and capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Hutchinson City Council now wishes to submit the questions of changing the expiration date and maintaining the uses of the proceeds of said tax to the electors of the City of Hutchinson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINSON, KANSAS:

**Section 1.** That a special question election shall be held in the manner prescribed by law on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified

electors of the City of Hutchinson the question of amending the existing City/Cosmosphere/Strataca one-fourth of one percent (.25%) retailers' sales tax levy by extending the expiration date of said tax from March 31, 2019 to March 31, 2024, and by allowing City usage of said tax for street and sidewalk improvements and property tax reduction and for the Cosmosphere, formerly known as Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center and Strataca, formerly known as Kansas Underground Salt Museum for ongoing operations and capital improvements.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication once in the official City newspaper.

**PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY**, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017, for the City of Hutchinson, Kansas.

Jon Daveline, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Weltmer, City Clerk

Proposed ballot question for November 7, 2017

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the Hutchinson City Council be authorized to amend the existing City/Cosmosphere/Strataca one-fourth of one percent (.25%) retailers' sales tax levy on April 1, 2019 by changing the expiration date of said tax to March 31, 2024, and by allowing City usage of said tax for street and sidewalk improvements, property tax reduction and for the Cosmosphere, formerly known as Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center and Strataca, formerly known as Kansas Underground Salt Museum for ongoing operations and capital improvements?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No