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## RESOLUTION No. 2025-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CALLING AND HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF ALTUS, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED, QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16 ADOPTED ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2025, SHALL BE APPROVED WHICH LEVIES AND ASSESSES AN ADDITIONAL TAX OF FOUR PERCENT (4.0%) TO ALL SHORT-TERM STAY FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF ALTUS, OKLAHOMA AS DEFINED BY ARTICLE IV, SECTION 40-110 OF THE CITY OF ALTUS CODE OF ORDINANCES IN WHICH NO TAX EXEMPTIONS SHALL APPLY AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ADDITION OF NEW PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND/OR THE RENOVATION OF EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND/OR THE ADDITION OF LARGE PARKS AND RECREATION EQUIPMENT ITEMS IN WHICH THE REVENUE FROM SAID ADDITIONAL TAX SHALL NOT BE USED FOR DAILY OPERATIONS; DEFINES TERMS; FIXES EFFECTIVE DATE; ESTABLISHES TERM; AND NOTIFIES THE JACKSON COUNTY ELECTION BOARD OF THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION.

WHEREAS, at the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 City Council meeting, the City of Altus, Oklahoma approved an oral proposition to allow City personnel to explore the possibility of adding a "Recreation Fee" to the already existing lodging tax as applicable to all "short-term stay" facilities within the City of Altus as defined by Article IV, Section 40-110 of the City of Altus Code of Ordinances in which the funds from said recreation fees, which would also carry no tax exemptions, would be directed to be used by the Parks and Recreation Department as the Department sees fit;

WHEREAS, at the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 City Council meeting of the City of Altus, Oklahoma, the City adopted Ordinance No. 2025-16 which levies and assesses an additional four (4.0%) percent tax in to all short-term stay facilities within the City of Altus, Oklahoma, as defined by Article IV, Section 40-110 of the City of Altus Code of Ordinances, in addition to the existing short-term stay facility tax rate in which no exemptions shall apply to said additional tax, in which the revenue from said tax shall be used for the sole purpose(s) of (i.) the addition of new Parks and Recreation facilities, and/or (ii.) the renovation of existing Parks and Recreation facilities, and/or (iii.) the addition of large Parks and Recreation items and that the revenue from said tax shall not be used for daily operations, subject to the approval of a majority of the registered voters in the City of Altus, Oklahoma, voting on the same in the manner prescribed by 11 O.S. § 16-101 and 112 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

WHEREAS, 26 O.S. § 13-102 requires the City of Altus, Oklahoma to give sixty (60) days' notice by Resolution of the said special election to the Jackson County Election Board, stating therein the date of said election, the questions to be voted upon at said election, and other information necessary for conduction such election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTUS OKLAHOMA:

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Section 1. That the Mayor of the City of Altus, Oklahoma, be and is hereby authorized and directed to call a special election to be held in the City of Altus, Oklahoma, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025, for the purpose of submitting the questions as to whether Ordinance No. 2025-16 shall be approved;

Section 2. That the ballot setting forth the following proposition shall be submitted to the registered, qualified voters of the City of Altus, Oklahoma, at said election, to wit:

PROPOSITION # 1

Shall City of Altus Ordinance No. 2025-16 which states that all short-term stay facilities as defined by Article IV, Section 40-110 of the City of Altus Code of Ordinances shall be subject to an additional four percent (4%) tax in addition to the existing short-term stay facility tax rate, which states that no tax exemptions shall apply to said additional tax and that the revenue from said additional tax shall be used for the sole purpose(s) of (i.) the addition of new Parks and Recreation facilities, and/or (ii.) the renovation of existing Parks and Recreation facilities, and/or (iii.) the addition of large Parks and Recreation items and that the revenue from said tax shall not be used for daily operations and shall be used solely for the purposes described herein, effectively immediately upon passage of majority vote of the qualified registered voters of the City of Altus, Oklahoma and for an indefinite term be approved?

The ballot setting forth the above proposition shall also contain in connection with each proposition the following words:

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YES - FOR THE ABOVE PROPOSITION

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NO - AGAINST THE ABOVE PROPOSITION

If the voter desires to vote for the above Proposition, the voter shall complete the arrow to the right of the word "YES".

If the voter desires to vote against the above Proposition, the voter shall complete the arrow to the right of the word "NO".

Section 3. That such call for said election shall be by proclamation, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, setting forth the proposition to be voted upon, the hours of opening and closing of the polls, and the substance of Section 2 hereof. That the ballots shall set forth the proposition to be voted upon substantially as set out in Section 2 hereof. That only the registered voters of the City of Altus, Oklahoma, may vote upon the proposition as above set forth; that the said proposition, as set forth above, must be approved by a majority of the said voters voting on the proposition at said election; and that the returns of said election shall be made to and canvassed by the Jackson County Election Board.

Section 4. That pursuant to 26 O.S. § 13-103(c) all precincts totally or partially contained within the limits of the City shall be open for election.

Section 5. That a copy of this Resolution along with a map of the City limits of the


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City of Altus, Oklahoma shall be personally delivered to the office of the County Election Board of Jackson County, State of Oklahoma, at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the election.

Section 6. That the above stated shall now be established by passage of this Resolution No. 2025-10 duly approved by the City Council and filed with the City Clerk.

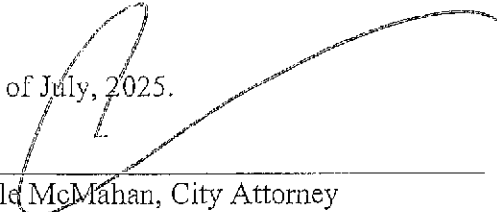
RESOLVED AND APPROVED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2025.

  
Robert Garrison, Mayor



  
Debbie Davis, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED as to form and legality this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2025.

  
Cole McMahan, City Attorney