

Resolution 2018-50

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PLACING RENEWAL OF THE OPTIONAL ONE PERCENT (5TH PENNY) EXCISE TAX ON THE BALLOT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018.

WHEREAS, the voters of Albany County supported the implementation of the optional one percent excise tax (commonly referred to as the "5th Penny tax) in 1986, and have approved renewal of that tax every four (4) years since that initial approval; and

WHEREAS, 99% of the 5th Penny tax collected in Albany County is returned to the local governments in Albany County in comparison to only 31% (less 1% for administration fee) of the first 4 cents levied by the State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie, along with the Town of Rock River and Albany County have used the funds raised from the imposition of that tax for the general operations of the services provided by the respective government entities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie proposes to continue to provide the services at the same levels as are currently provided that are directly supported by the funds acquired from that optional one cent tax; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide those services that are currently funded from the proceeds of the optional one cent tax as the current levels it is necessary to continue to receive the income from the tax in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City feels that the services supported by those tax dollars include the basic services of streets, fire, police and general services, which are necessary for the efficient operation of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE, ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING that the City hereby supports the placing of the optional excise tax as authorized under Wyoming Statute §39-15-204(a)(i) at a rate of one (1) percent on retail sales of tangible personal property, admissions and services within Albany County for continuation of the tax at the specified rate.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Albany County Board of County Commissioners as required by Wyoming Statute § 39-15-203(a)(i)(B) in order to place the issue on the ballot.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of July 2018.

Attest:



Angie Johnson
City Clerk



Andi Summerville, Mayor and President of the City
Council of the City of Laramie, Wyoming