



Agenda Item: Resolution

Title: Resolution 2022-45, Approving Albany County’s Submission to Voters of Continuation of County Lodging Tax

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to approve Resolution 2022-45, approving Albany County’s submission to voters of continuation of County Lodging Tax, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

To continue a county-wide 2% lodging tax for the primary purpose of local travel and tourism promotion.

Background:

Wyoming Legislature has provided, pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 39-15-204(a) (ii) for counties and towns to impose a lodging tax not to exceed two percent (2%) upon the sales price paid for lodging services, the purpose of which is for local travel and tourism promotion; the funding for visitor impact services, which include, but is not limited to, provision of vehicle parking, public transportation, public restrooms, pedestrian and bicycle pathways, museums and other displays.

As allowed by W.S. § 39-15-204, the Albany County Board of Commissioners have been imposing a 2% lodging tax throughout Albany County. That tax must be approved by voters every four years, and that tax will expire if not renewed by voters in the November 8, 2022, election. Wyo. Stat. § 39-15-203(a)(ii)(D) states that if the proposition is approved, the same proposition shall be submitted at subsequent general elections until the proposition is defeated.

The lodging tax is collected by the State which, after taking a 1% handling fee, transmits the collected tax to the County Treasurer, who pursuant to statute in turn transmits the money to the Albany County Tourism Promotion Joint Powers Board (Tourism Board). The Tourism Board then must use the money to promote travel and tourism within the County.

Responsible Staff:

Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk
Robert Southard, City Attorney

Attachments:

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