RESOLUTION NO. 2018-12R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF IVINS CITY, UTAH, SUPPORTING THE HOUSE BILL 362 (2015) AUTHORIZED 0.25% LOCAL OPTION GENERAL SALES TAX DEDICATED TO TRANSPORTATION, AND SUPPORTING THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX IN 2018 PER SB 136 (2018)

WHEREAS, a safe and efficient transportation system creates the foundation for economic growth, improved air quality and public health, and enhanced quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the creation and maintenance of transportation infrastructure is a core responsibility of local government; and

WHEREAS, Ivins City's population has grown by 17% over the last five years and is projected to more than double by 2050, while Utah's population is expected to grow by 2 million residents by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Ivins City's residents need and demand comprehensive transportation options such as bike lanes, multi-use paths, off-road trails, and transit in addition to traditional roads; and

WHEREAS, Ivins City is using $341,797 from the general fund to supplement the Class B&C Fund revenue in order to try to address our local transportation maintenance needs; and

WHEREAS, research from the Utah Department of Transportation indicates that road rehabilitation costs six times as much as road maintenance, and road reconstruction costs ten times as much as road maintenance, and

WHEREAS, investing in transportation results in economic development for Ivins City and Washington County and accessible good-paying jobs for our residents; and

WHEREAS, improving comprehensive transportation in Ivins City and Washington County will reduce private vehicle usage which will in turn lead to improved air quality; and

WHEREAS, poor air quality discourages economic development, business recruitment and tourism visits, and contributes to asthma and other health ailments and nearly 1 in 10 Utah adults suffer from asthma and struggle to breathe during poor air quality days; and

WHEREAS, nearly 57% of Utah adults are overweight, nearly 200,000 Utahns have diabetes, and diabetes and obesity related health care costs in Utah exceed $700 million; and

WHEREAS, investing in safe and connected trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, and multi-use paths will encourage our residents to be more active, enable them to spend more time with their families via active transportation, and result in improved personal and community health; and

WHEREAS, Utah has created a Unified Transportation Plan to address these comprehensive transportation and quality of life issues; and

WHEREAS, the Utah State Legislature enacted HB 362 in 2015 which authorized a 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to local transportation (the "fourth quarter"); and

WHEREAS, Ivins City adopted Resolution 2015-11R in 2015 to request that Washington County implement the 0.25% local option sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the Utah State Legislature enacted SB 136 in 2018 which authorizes a county to impose the 0.25% local option sales tax between May 8, 2018 and June 30, 2019 to pay for debt service or fund regionally significant transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Ivins City will, upon county imposition and per the SB 136 formula phase in, receive 0.10% of the 0.25% sales tax come July 1, 2019 and beyond to invest in critical local transportation needs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF IVINS CITY, STATE OF UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Support the Imposition of the 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax. The City Council supports the proposed 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax that the Washington County governing body may impose.

SECTION 2. Invest in the Road and Street Needs in Ivins City. The City has significant traditional transportation needs that the municipal 0.10 portion could address. For example, the city has a backlog of road maintenance projects such as chip sealing, slurry seal and reconstruction of aged roadways. Adoption of the municipal 0.10% portion would enable the City to invest in the critical projects that our residents need and expect.

SECTION 3. Active and Alternative Transportation Infrastructure Needs in Ivins City. The City has significant active and alternative transportation needs that the municipal 0.10% portion could address. For example, our residents need and are demanding improved sidewalks safe pedestrian options, enhanced bike lanes, better connectivity with transit, more traffic calming devices, and other modern transportation infrastructure. Investment in active transportation will encourage residents to travel via walking, biking, and transit, result in a healthier population, reduced emissions, decreased health care costs, and improved quality of life.

SECTION 4. Investment in Transit. The City supports continued investment in public transit because transit can help relieve traffic, promote walkable communities, and improve air quality. The transit system will receive 0.10% of the 0.25% local option general sales tax. The City expects the transit system to utilize the revenues collected within the City or County for projects that will enhance local bus service, foster local and regional connectivity, and benefit our residents.

SECTION 5 Distribution of this Resolution. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Washington County governing body, the regional Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Utah League of Cities & Towns, the Utah Association of Counties, the Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives, the President of the Utah State Senate, State Representatives and Senators who represent the City, and the Governor of Utah.

SECTION 6 Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE IVINS CITY COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, ON THE ____ DAY OF MAY, 2018, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Dennis Mehr	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cheyne McDonald	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jenny Johnson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Miriah Elliott	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ron Densley	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Chris Hart, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kari Jimenez
City Recorder