ORDINANCE 13-2026

CITY OF SHERIDAN, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 13-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERIDAN REFERRING TO CITY VOTERS A 0.50% PERCENT INCREASE IN THE CITY SALES AND USE TAX FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to assure that the high level of fire protection and police services presently enjoyed by Sheridan visitors and residents is maintained, by measures including but not limited to improved emergency response, enhanced community safety, modern equipment, and local decision-making that prioritizes community needs and benefits.

WHEREAS, a modest increase in the City sales and use tax rate specifically to support these public safety services will serve these objectives without imposing a substantial burden on City residents, and

WHEREAS, even with the proposed ½ of 1% rate increase, the aggregate sales and use tax rate in the City of Sheridan will be within a quarter of a percent of the tax rate of municipalities across the metro area, and

WHEREAS, because a portion of the City's sales and use tax is paid by visitors to the City, who also benefit from City public safety services, supporting these services through the sales and use tax, rather than the property tax, is especially appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERIDAN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. **Submission of Ballot Issue:** City Council directs that a ballot issue proposing a 0.50% increase in the City sales and use tax rate be submitted to the Arapahoe County Clerk for submission to City voters at a coordinated regular City election to be held on November 3, 2026, as follows:

SHALL SHERIDAN TAXES BE INCREASED BY $ 986,935 ANNUALLY COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2027, FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO POLICE SERVICES, EMERGENCY RESPONSE, EQUIPMENT, AND RELATED OPERATIONS; AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, FROM A 0.50 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE CITY SALES AND USE TAX RATE, TO BE SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY AND WITHOUT LIMITING OR AFFECTING THER COLLECTION OR SPENDING OF OTHER REVENUES?

Section 2. **Effective Date:** If approved by a majority of those City electors voting at the November 3, 2026, regular City election, the increase in the City's tax rate will take effect January 1, 2027.

Section 3. City Council directs that a certified copy of this Ordinance be filed with the City Clerk and further, that the City Clerk index, file and make the Ordinance available to the public.

Section 4. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The city council hereby declares that it would

have passed this ordinance and each part or parts hereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 5. All other ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance or any portion hereof are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

Section 6. The repeal or modification of any provision of the Sheridan Municipal Code by this ordinance shall not release, extinguish, alter, modify or change in whole or in part any penalty, forfeiture or liability, either civil or criminal, which shall have been incurred under such provision. Each provision shall be treated and held as still remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any and all proper actions, suits, proceedings and prosecutions for enforcement of the penalty, forfeiture or liability, as well as for the purpose of sustaining any judgment, decree or order which can or may be rendered, entered or made in such actions, suits, proceedings or prosecutions.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading the 10th day of August, 2026 and ordered published.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading the 24th day of August, 2026 and ordered published.

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Sally Daigle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jenna DiRubbo, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Wilson Williams Fellman Dittman, City Attorney

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