Introduced by Alderman\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Bill No.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_     Ordinance No.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION OF A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, MISSOURI, TO CONSIDER IMPOSING A LOCAL USE TAX AT THE SAME RATE AS THE LOCAL SALES TAX OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, MISSOURI, FOR PURCHASES FROM OUT-OF-STATE VENDORS THAT EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland, Missouri, believes a local use tax will help level the economic playing field between local retail merchants and out-of-state vendors, and that the revenue from such a tax will support the provision of critical municipal services and, therefore seeks to have the ballot proposition hereinafter referenced presented to qualified voters of the City at an election to be held on April 5, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Pursuant to the requirements of Article X, Section 22 of the Missouri Constitution and in accordance with Section 144.757, RSMo., the following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Oakland at the election to be held on the 5th day of April, 2022, to wit:

**PROPOSITION 1**

“**Shall the City of Oakland be authorized to impose a local use tax at the same rate as the local sales tax by a vote of the governing body, provided that if any local sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised by voter approval, the respective local use tax shall also be repealed, reduced or raised by the same action?  A use tax return shall not be required to be filed by persons whose purchases from out-of-state vendors do not in total exceed two thousand dollars in any calendar year**”.

**Yes   \_\_\_**   **No   \_\_\_**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:** If you are in favor of the Proposition, fill in the circle opposite the word “Yes”.  If you are opposed to the Proposition, fill in the circle opposite the word “No”.

**Section 2.** The City Clerk shall prepare and cause to be forwarded to the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County, Missouri, a Notice of Election in compliance with this ordinance and take such other steps as may be required so that an election may be lawfully conducted.

**Section 3.** The Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County shall conduct such election according to the law and certify the results thereof. The Board of Election Commissioners shall designate such polling places as shall be required for said election and shall appoint such necessary election officials as may be required for the conduct thereof. The Board of Election Commissioners shall also publish such notice of such election as shall be required by law and shall do and perform such other necessary acts as may be required to conduct such election in accord with the statutes of the State of Missouri and the ordinances of the City of Oakland, Missouri.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Aldermen and approval by the Mayor.

**Passed and Approved** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2022.

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Andrew Stewart, Mayor

Attest:

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Deborah LeMoine, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was enacted on the \_\_\_ day of January 2022, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Oakland, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Attest:

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Deborah LeMoine, City Clerk