# BILL 2016-19

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**Agenda Item**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Mark S. Gaugh, City Manager

**DATE:** April 11, 2016

**RE:** Quarter-Cent Sales Tax for Fire Services

Issues

The attached bill declares the results of the election for the collection of a ¼ cent sales tax to be used exclusively for fire protection services. The tax passed with YES votes of 517 and NO votes of 402.

The tax will be in effect on the first day after the second calendar quarter after the Dept. of Revenue is notified. The tax revenue is not intended to replace normal appropriations for the fire department, which should be approximately what the department receives on an annual basis for operations. The tax revenue is primarily to support staffing, equipment, buildings and infrastructure as needed. Revenue from the Fire District will not be affected by this tax.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council approve the bill declaring the election results.

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# AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, ON 5 APRIL 2016; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO IMPOSE A SALES TAX FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES ON RETAIL SALES

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Cameron, Clinton and DeKalb Counties, Missouri, under the authority of powers given to the City by the provisions of Section 321.242, RSMo, as amended (the "Act"), has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to impose a city sales tax for the operation of the municipal fire department of the City at the rate of one-fourth of one percent (1/4 of 1%) on the receipts from all retail sales within the City which are subject to taxation under Sections 144.010 to 144.525, inclusive, RSMo, with the intention that the revenues generated from such sales tax supplement the City's general fund revenue that is otherwise annually appropriated for fire protection purposes.

**WHEREAS,** no ordinance imposing a sales tax pursuant to the Act shall be effective unless the City Council submits to the voters of the City a proposal to authorize the imposition of the tax, and a majority of the voters approve such proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, an election was held April 5, 2016 and the results are hereby declared.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. It is hereby found and declared that the vote at the election held in the City of Cameron, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, on the following question:

**QUESTION**

> **"Shall the City of Cameron, Clinton and DeKalb Counties, Missouri, impose a sales tax at a rate one-fourth of one percent (1/4 of 1%) for the purpose of providing revenues for the operation of the municipal fire department, said sales tax to terminate 20 years from the date on which such sales tax becomes effective?"**

Resulted as follows: Yes No

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Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that said election was duly held and conducted in conformity with the constitution and statutes of the State of Missouri, and in all respects regular and valid, that a majority of the qualified voters voting on said question at said election voted in favor of the imposition of said sales tax, and that the City is duly authorized and empowered to impose said sales tax in the amount and for the purpose aforesaid.

Section 3. The said sales tax approved by the voters as described above shall be deemed to apply to all sales of metered water services, electricity, electrical current and natural, artificial or propane gas, wood, coal or home heating oil for domestic use only.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Read two times, passed and approved this 11th day of April 2016.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk

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**CANVASS OF THE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI ON 5 APRIL 2016**

**A ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT SALES TAX FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES**

Shall the City of Cameron, Clinton and DeKalb Counties, Missouri, impose a one-fourth of one percent sales tax for fire protection purposes.

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| Yes | 517 |
| No | 402 |

I, Barbara J. O'Connor, Clerk of the City of Cameron, Missouri, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true, correct and complete abstract of all votes cast in said city, for a one-fourth of one percent sales tax for fire protection purposes at the General Election, held on the 11th day of April 2016, as shown by the returns made to my office by the County Clerks of Clinton and DeKalb Counties.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said city at my office in Cameron, Missouri, this 11th day of April 2016.

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Barbara J. O'Connor
City Clerk/Finance Clerk
City of Cameron

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