ORDINANCE NO. 2129

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGMAN, KANSAS, ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL TAX LEVY FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6113, the governing body of a Kansas municipality may make an annual tax levy upon all of the taxable tangible property within such municipality for the operation and maintenance of emergency medical services;

WHEREAS, in 1999, K.S.A. 79-5040 suspended all existing statutory fund mill levy rate and aggregate levy rate limitations on a taxing subdivisions.

WHEREAS, the City of Kingman's General Fund has been used and is currently used to fund the operation and maintenance of its emergency medical services.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that funding from the General Fund for emergency medical services should be switched to a separately created fund for emergency medical services. The monies collected from the tax levy for emergency medical services shall go to the fund for emergency medical services which will cause a reduction to the mill levy for the General Fund.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF KINGMAN, KANSAS:

SECTION 1: Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the operation and maintenance of emergency medical services within the City of Kingman, Kansas, through the establishment of an annual tax levy.

SECTION 2: Authority. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to municipalities by the State of Kansas for the provision of emergency medical services.

SECTION 3: Annual Tax Levy.

- (a) An annual tax levy is hereby established on all taxable property within the City of Kingman, Kansas, to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of emergency medical services.
- (b) The rate of the tax levy shall be determined annually by the City Commission.

SECTION 4: Use of Funds. All funds collected from the tax levy shall be used exclusively for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of emergency medical services within the City of Kingman, Kansas. This includes, but is not limited to, expenses related to personnel, equipment, training, facilities, and administrative costs.

SECTION 5: Effect. No tax shall be levied under this Ordinance until the Governing Body's adoption of the Ordinance authorizing the levy of such tax. Such Ordinance shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in the official City newspaper. If within 60 days following the last publication of the Ordinance, a petition in opposition to the levy of such tax, signed by a number of the qualified electors of the City equal to not less than 5% of the electors of the City who voted for the office of secretary of state at the last general election, is filed with the county election officer of Kingman County, Kansas, the question of whether the levy shall be made shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the next primary or general election within the City, or if such primary or general election does not take place within 60 days after the date the petition was filed, the question may be submitted at a special election called and held therefor. If no petition has been filed and the time prescribed for filing the petition expires prior to August 1, 2024, or if the petition was filed and a majority of the electors voting on the question of levying the tax vote in favor thereof at an election held prior to August 1, 2024, the Governing Body may levy the tax in the current year and in each succeeding year. If no petition has been filed and the time prescribed for filing the petition expires after September 30, 2024, or if the petition was filed and a majority of the electors voting on the question of levying the tax vote in favor thereof at an election held after September 30, 2024, the Governing Body may levy the tax in the next succeeding year and in each succeeding year thereafter.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Kingman, Kansas, this 23rd day of May, 2024.

Attest:

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF KINGMAN, KANSAS

Sean Wallace, Mayor

Zachary Bieghler, City Clerk