RESOLUTION NO. 26-0087

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA APPROVING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH BUSINESS LICENSE TAX, AND ORDERING IT SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026

WHEREAS, the City expects to maintain general municipal services for Manhattan Beach residents, businesses, and visitors at the levels they expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to, and does, impose a business license tax to help fund these programs and services; and

WHEREAS, updates to the business license tax structure will help simplify, clarify and modernize the tax code, enhance fairness and equity and maintain fiscal sustainability for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes business license taxes help fund vital City programs and services, such as fixing streets and potholes; managing parking and traffic congestion; providing quick response to 9-1-1 emergencies, paramedic services, and fire protection; providing police and crime prevention services; improving e-bike traffic enforcement and safety; and keeping parks safe, clean, and well-maintained; and

WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, the revenue from this measure will be subject to transparency and accountability provisions such as financial audits and public disclosure of all spending to ensure that all funds will remain in Manhattan Beach for the local general services on which local residents and businesses rely; and

WHEREAS, the City Council proposes submitting to the voters of the City an Ordinance providing for the levy of a local business license tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Manhattan Beach City Council hereby finds, determines, orders, and resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. The facts set forth in the recitals of this Resolution are true and correct, and establish the factual basis for the City Council's adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. By Resolution No. 26-0059, adopted on June 16, 2026, the City Council has previously called and given notice of the General Municipal Election to be held in the City on November 3, 2026. Pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 9222 and 10201, the City Council hereby orders that at the said election, a Business License Tax Ordinance be submitted to the voters for consideration (the "Election"). The full text of the Manhattan Beach Business License Tax Ordinance is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by this reference. The measure to be submitted to the voters shall appear and be printed on the ballot as follows:

City of Manhattan Beach Business License Tax Update and Simplification Measure. Shall the measure to update/simplify City of Manhattan Beach's business license tax, lower taxes for approximately 73% of businesses operating in Manhattan Beach, and ensure large businesses pay their fair share for services such as maintaining streets, parks, playgrounds, and 9-1-1 emergency response by applying rates up to 0.28% of gross receipts (as described in the ordinance), lowering the minimum flat rate, and raising the cap for large businesses, generating $550,000 annually until ended by voters, be adopted?	YES NO

SECTION 3. The City Council, by at least 2/3 vote, hereby approves the proposed Manhattan Beach Business License Tax Ordinance, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, to be submitted to the voters. The proposed measure is a local business license tax that applies a variable gross-receipts rate to businesses based on business type, lowers the flat rate, and raises the cap for large businesses in the City as defined in the Ordinance, to be collected by the City of Manhattan Beach Business License Tax Administration. The Ordinance shall not take effect unless and until approved by a vote of at least a majority of voters voting on the question at the election.

SECTION 4. The City Council hereby asks the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ("Board of Supervisors") to authorize the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder / County Clerk ("County Elections Official") to render all services necessary to conduct the Election. The City Council hereby asks the Board of Supervisors to consolidate the Election with any other election the County Elections Official is to administer on November 3, 2026, and to order the Election to be conducted by the County Elections Official. (Elec. Code, §§ 10402, 10403.) The City Council acknowledges that the Election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code section 10418. The ballots to be used in the election shall be in form and content as required by law.

The City Clerk is authorized and directed to work with the County Elections Official and to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia as needed to properly and lawfully conduct the Election. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the Election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections. The City of Manhattan Beach will reimburse Los Angeles County for the actual costs incurred in conducting the Election upon receipt of a bill stating the amount due.

The notice of the time and place of holding the Election is hereby given, and the City Clerk and County Elections Official are authorized to give further notice of the Election as required by law.

SECTION 5. The City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure pursuant to Elections Code Section 9280.

SECTION 6. The City Council directs that arguments for and against the measure may be filed in accordance with applicable law, and that Councilmember[s] [name(s)] are authorized to file an argument in favor of the measure.

SECTION 7. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections. All persons qualified and registered to vote in the City of Manhattan Beach as of the date of such election shall be entitled to vote.

SECTION 8. Notice of the time and place of holding the General Municipal Election is hereby given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in the time, form and manner as required by law, and to publish a synopsis of the measure as required by law.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk is hereby directed to insert names in Section 6, if applicable and submit a complete certified copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters Office and to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Section 10. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTED on August 4, 2026.

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

JOE FRANKLIN
Mayor

ATTEST:

LIZA TAMURA
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

ORDINANCE NO. 26-XXXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AMENDING THE CITY'S BUSINESS LICENSE TAX

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Below are each primary business category subject to the business license taxes set forth in Sections 2 through 6 of this Ordinance. The Finance Director, or his or her designee, shall determine the business classification for each business in the City.

General Retail: Persons or firms engaged in retail sales or similar general business activities. Such businesses likely contribute to the City's tax base through the local sales tax, transient occupancy tax or a franchise tax. These businesses include, but are not limited to: retail store, restaurant, wholesaler, manufacturer, event space, social or recreational club, public utility, hotel or short-term rental, service station, convenience store, grocery store, or mobile/sidewalk vendor.

Real Property Rental: Persons or firms engaged in leasing, renting, or otherwise providing the use of real property to another person or entity for compensation. These businesses include, but are not limited to: commercial leasing, residential rental (other than short-term rental), parcel leasing, apartment rental, or office space rental.

Contractor: Persons or firms carrying on the business of a contractor, subcontractor, or builder, particularly the construction, maintenance, or repair of buildings. These businesses include, but are not limited to: general contractor, electrician, carpenter, heating/ventilation/air conditioning specialist, landscaper, mason, plumber, roofer, or sign specialist.

Professional: Persons or firms that provide services requiring rigorous training through advanced degrees, vocational instruction, certification, licensing, or specialized professional or scientific skill. These businesses include, but are not limited to: medical office, dental office, paramedic, law office, consulting firm, accounting firm, engineering firm, architectural firm, software development, research and development, scientific services, technical services, or financial advisory services.

Services and Other: Persons or firms providing services that do not fall under the "Professional" category. These businesses include, but are not limited to: administrative office, advertising agency, artist, designer, automotive service, carwash, beauty parlor / salon, dry cleaner, security or patrol, or land developer.

SECTION 2. General Retail. These businesses shall pay a business license tax of $100 on the first $100,000 of their gross receipts, plus $2.00 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of their gross receipts in excess of $100,000, provided that the total tax paid by any business in a single tax year shall not exceed $100,000.

The following businesses are included in the General Retail category. This list is not exclusive, but simply elaborates on the most common General Retail businesses, and it is set forth as a guide for the Finance Director and taxpayers.

- Holiday / Seasonal Activities: Temporary business activities associated with a particular holiday or season, including but not limited to pumpkin patches or Christmas tree farms or lots.

- Hotels and Short-Term Rentals: This business classification applies to (1) hotels, as defined in Section 8.20.010 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code, or (2) any person, group, association, joint venture, partnership, firm, corporation or other entity (whether as owner, or agent of an owner), which rents, leases, subleases, licenses or has available for rent, lease, sublease or license any single-family dwelling or multi-family dwelling unit subject to Chapter 4.88.

- Manufacturers: A business engaged in the manufacturing, fabrication, or assembly of goods, wares, merchandise, or components. Gross receipts of a business licensed as a manufacturer shall include all gross receipts from products manufactured in the City.

- Recreation and Entertainment: Any person or entity engaged in providing recreation, entertainment, or amusement opportunities. Gross receipts for such classification shall include all receipts from all business locations in the City. Examples of businesses within the recreation and entertainment classification include, but are not limited to: art studio; arcades; billiards; bowling; concert venues; dance halls; event spaces; recreation clubs; fortune telling; golf courses; museums; night clubs; rides; skill games; or theaters.

- Retail: The selling of any goods, wares, food, beverages, or other merchandise at retail, and not otherwise specifically licensed by other provisions of this Code. Examples of retail businesses include but are not limited to: retail store, restaurant, service station, car dealership, convenience store, or grocery store.

- Utilities. Any non-governmental entity providing water, wastewater, electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, refuse collection, and similar services. For purposes of this business classification, gross receipts shall include all gross receipts derived from utility services provided within the City and gross receipts attributable to any other business activity conducted within the City. However, the rate for gross receipts in excess of $100,000 set forth above shall not apply to utilities that pay a franchise fee to the City of Manhattan Beach. Such utilities shall only pay the base business license tax of $100 per year.

- Vendors: All vending activities regulated by Manhattan Beach Municipal Code Chapter 6.24 relating to Sidewalk Vending and Chapter 3.68 relating to Mobile Business Vending.

- Wholesalers: Any person or entity engaged in the selling of any goods, wares, or merchandise at wholesale. For purposes of this classification, gross receipts include all receipts derived from the wholesale selling of any goods, wares, or merchandise.

SECTION 3. Real Property Rental. These businesses shall pay a business license tax of $100 on the first $100,000 of their gross receipts, plus $2.80 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of their gross receipts in excess of $100,000, provided that the total tax paid by any business in a single tax year shall not exceed $100,000.

The following businesses are included in the Real Property Rental category. This list is not exclusive, but simply elaborates on the most common Real Property Rental businesses, and it is set forth as a guide for the Finance Director and taxpayers.

- Rental of Non-Residential Property: Any person, group, association, partnership, firm, corporation, or other entity (whether as owner or agent an the owner, a lessee, sublessee or licensee) who or which rents, leases, subleases or has available for rent, lease, sublease, or license any non-residential property, including any commercial building, industrial building, office or office building, structure, land or vacant lot that may be used for commercial, industrial, office, or storage uses.

- Rental of Residential Property – Other than Short-Term Rentals: Any person, group, association, joint venture, partnership, firm, corporation or other entity (whether as owner, or agent of an owner), which rents, leases, subleases, licenses or has available for rent, lease, sublease or license, accommodations for residential use where such units are located on the same or an adjoining property. For purposes of this business classification, a living unit for residential use shall include, without limitation, an apartment, rooming house, home-share, or any other accommodations other than a short-term rental subject to Chapter 4.88 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code.

SECTION 4. Contractor. These businesses shall pay a business license tax of $100 on the first $100,000 of their gross receipts, plus $2.80 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of their gross receipts in excess of $100,000, provided that the total tax paid by any business in a single tax year shall not exceed $100,000.

The following businesses are included in the Contractor category. This list is not exclusive, but simply elaborates on the most common Contractor businesses, and it is set forth as a guide for the Finance Director and taxpayers.

- Contractor: A general building contractor whose principal contracting business is in connection with any structure built, or to be built for the support, shelter and enclosure of persons, animals, chattels, or movable property of any kind, requiring in its construction the use of more than two unrelated building trades or crafts, or to do or superintend the whole or any part thereof. This business classification also applies to a general engineering contractor whose principal contracting business is in connection with fixed works requiring specialized engineering knowledge and skill including, but not limited to, irrigation, drainage, water, power, railroads, highways, streets, pipelines, powerhouse plants, industrial plants, land leveling, earth moving, harbors, and concrete surfacing. This section does not include anyone who merely furnishes material or supplies without fabricating them in the performance of the work of a general building or engineering contractor.

- Subcontractors: Any person or entity engaged in a specialized building trade including but not limited to the following: awnings; boilers, hot water heating, or steam fitting; burglar alarms; carpentry; cement and concrete; electrical; electric signs; elevator installation; excavating, grading, trenching, paving, or surfacing; fire protection engineering; floodlight service; flooring; glazing or glass; heating, ventilation, and / or air conditioning; house or building moving or wrecking; insulation; landscaping; lathing; masonry; ornamental metals; painting and decorating; pest control; plastering; plumbing; refrigeration; roofing; screens; sewer; sheet metal; signs; sprinkler systems; steel; tile (ceramic or mosaic); weather stripping; welding; or well drilling. Any subcontractor licensed by the state to engage in more than one specialized building trade need only obtain one business license from the City.

<u>SECTION 5</u>. <u>Professional</u>. These businesses shall pay a business license tax of $100 on the first $100,000 of their gross receipts, plus $2.80 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of their gross receipts in excess of $100,000, provided that the total tax paid by any business in a single tax year shall not exceed $100,000.

The following businesses are included in the Professional category. This list is not exclusive, but simply elaborates on the most common Professional businesses, and it is set forth as a guide for the Finance Director and taxpayers.

- Agent or Broker: a person or entity who, for a fee or commission, engages in the occupation of bringing buyers and sellers together for negotiations, or negotiates or arranges terms and conditions for buyers and sellers for the purpose of effecting a sale of real or personal property (including, but not limited to, securities, real estate brokers, commodities, travel agents, bond brokers, manufacturer's representatives, stock brokers and/or insurance). An agent or broker shall not obtain or retain title to the real or personal property which is the subject of the sales transaction. Gross receipts for an agent or broker shall include:

  - All commissions, fees, charges, monies, or compensation of any character, received by such person and/or entity for performing in the capacity described herein.

- All other monies received by such person and / or entity in connection with the sale of real or personal property, except those monies received and / or placed in a segregated account or escrow for the benefit of a third party, and not subject to such person and / or entity's use or control.

- Professions: Any person, group, association, partnership, firm, or corporation engaged in a profession, vocation or calling including but not limited to the following: accountant; architect; attorney at law; auditor; bacteriologist; financial advisor; certified public accountant; chemist; child, marriage and family counselor; chiropractor; civil engineer; dentist; consultant; electrical engineer; electrologist; geologist; landscape architect; mechanical engineer; mining engineer; optician; optometrist; osteopath; paramedic; physician; psychologist; scientist; software developer; surgeon; surveyor; tax counselor; veterinarian. Whenever a license from the State of California is required to entitle a person to practice a profession, the Finance Director may require, before issuing a license pursuant to this section, that the applicant exhibit an unexpired and unrevoked license entitling said applicant to practice such profession in California.

- Research and Development: Any person, firm, or corporation with at least five or more employees that is engaged in research and development for scientific or other purposes.

SECTION 6. Services and Other. Any business that is not subject to the rates set forth in Sections 2 through 5 above shall pay a business license tax of $100 on the first $100,000 of their gross receipts, plus $2.80 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of their gross receipts in excess of $100,000, provided that the total tax paid by any business in a single tax year shall not exceed $100,000.

The following businesses are included in the Services and Other category. This list is not exclusive, but simply elaborates on the most common Other Services businesses, and it is set forth as a guide for the Finance Director and taxpayers.

- Corporate or Administrative Office: Corporate or administrative offices, or other physical offices in the City that do not fall under a more specific business classification (e.g., retail, professions, or services).

- Deliveries: The running, driving, or operating of any vehicle used for the delivery or pickup of goods, wares, merchandise, or material whether by land, water, or air.

- Events: Any person or entity who or which organizes, sponsors, or administers events, including any recreation, entertainment, cultural and educational events and exhibitions, which are conducted for limited times. Included in such classification, without limitation, are sporting events and competitions, fairs, circuses, carnivals, trade shows, and special sales of goods or services.

- Services: The selling or providing for compensation any service which is not otherwise described in this Ordinance. The services referred to herein include but are not limited to the following: advertising and marketing; alarms; animal care; appraiser; artist; assayer; artificial intelligence; auction house or auctioneer; auto maintenance, service, or repair (exclusive of retail sales of gasoline, diesel, or other auto fuels, and exclusive of businesses that primarily sell auto products, both of which shall be classified as "retail" businesses); auto parking; auto wash and detailing; auto wrecking; barbershop, hairdresser, or beauty parlor; bookkeeping; booking or theatrical agent; bus sightseeing; caterer; check cashing; cleaning service (janitorial and cleanup for commercial, industrial and residential properties, including window washing); cleaning (laundry and dry cleaning); collection agency; commercial artist; credit reporting; data processing; decorator; dental technician or hygienist; designer; distribution center; draftsman; employment agent (whether represented employees are permanent or temporary); gardening; health club or gym; herbalist; hypnotist or hypnotherapist; illustrator; information technology; instructional schools and institutions (private); information security and research; land developer; lithographer; loans; manicurist; massage establishment or technician; mortuary or mortician; news bureau; odor or pest control; pawnbroker; physical therapist; private investigation, patrol or security services; public relations, publicity, publicist; public stenographic service or certified court reporter; temporary rental or leasing of vehicles, equipment, or other personal property; repair service; tailors or dressmakers; ticket reservation service; tree care; television, video, or film production.

- Transportation – Persons: The running, driving, or operating of any vehicle for hire at rates per mile, per trip, or per any unit of time, where the vehicle is routed under the direction of the person who hires it, whether the vehicle is driven by its owner, a representative of the owner (e.g., employee, agent, or franchisee), by itself as a self-driven vehicle, or by the person who hires the vehicle and regardless of whether the vehicle travels by land, water or air.

- Other – This category also serves as the default category for any other business that is not specifically classified under the other categories listed in Sections 2 through 5 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Exempt. The tax imposed by this Ordinance does not apply to any business that qualifies for an exemption under Section 6.01.280 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code, including:

- Those exempt from municipal license taxes by virtue of the Constitution and the laws of this State or the United States;

- Charitable and nonprofit purposes;

- Disabled persons;

- Disabled veterans;

- Interstate commerce; and
- Minors.

SECTION 8. Apportionment. The tax set forth in this Ordinance only applies to business activity connected to the City of Manhattan Beach. This tax is not intended to, and does not, apply to business activities that actually took place in, and generated revenue from, a jurisdiction other than the City of Manhattan Beach. A taxpayer doing business both within and outside the City shall apportion its gross receipts as among the places where it does business. It may do so pursuant to rules promulgated by the Tax Collector for that purpose, if any, or may make another reasonable showing for the Tax Collector's consideration. The Tax Collector shall finally determine the appropriate apportionment subject to judicial review under Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.5.

SECTION 9. Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustments. Pursuant to Section 6.01.320 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code, the tax rates provided in Section 2 through 6 shall be increased annually, each March 1, to match any increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles area from the preceding September. When the Bureau of Labor Statistics changes the base year for reporting changes in the Consumer Price Index, the annual change in the Consumer Price Index noted here shall be based on the new base year.

SECTION 10. Section 6.01.010 of Chapter 6.01 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code is amended to read as follows, with additions in underline and omissions in ~~strikethrough~~.

6.01.010 – Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, certain words and phrases used herein are defined as follows:

~~A. "Average number of persons employed" means the average number of persons employed daily in the applicant's business during the previous year within the City shall be determined by ascertaining the total number of hours of service performed by all employees of applicant within the City during the previous year, and dividing the total number of hours of service thus obtained by the number of hours of service constituting a year's work of one (1) full-time employee according to the custom or laws governing such employment. In computing the average number of persons employed, fractions of numbers shall be excluded.~~

~~B.~~ "Business" shall include any type of commerce, business, trade, calling, vocation, profession, exhibition, show, enterprise, provision of service, activity and occupation, including, for example but not limited to, the sale of goods, contracting for labor, renting or leasing commercial real property, manufacturing, maintaining or repairing any goods or premises, provision of entertainment or refreshment or any other service or activity for which remuneration is provided whether or not carried on for profit.

~~C.~~ “Conduct” shall include commence, conduct, transact, maintain, prosecute, practice, operate and carry on.

~~D. “Employee” means all persons engaged in the operation or conduct of any business, whether as member of the owner’s family, agent, manager, solicitor, and any and all other persons employed or working in said business. For purposes of computing tax based on employees, the average number of employees, as defined in subsection A of this section, will be used.~~

~~E.~~ “Engaged in business” means the conducting, carrying on, managing, or operating of any business whether done as owner, or by means of an officer, agent, manager, employees, servant or lessee of any of them.

~~F.~~ “Fixed place of business” means and includes any place actually occupied continually during the term of a license by a person or individual engaged in a business where the books and records of such person or individual are kept, and at which a large part of the business of such person or individual is transacted.

~~G.~~ “Gross Receipts.” Except as otherwise specifically provided, “gross receipts” shall mean the gross receipts of the calendar year preceding the beginning of the annual license period, and shall include the total amount of the sales price of all sales and the total amount charged or received for the performance of any act or service, of whatever nature it may be, including any rental, lease, lease consideration, exchange of value or values, or considerations for the leasing, renting, bailing or otherwise authorizing, permitting or contracting for the use, possession, enjoyment or right to use, control, possess or enjoy, for which a charge is made or credit allowed, whether or not such act or service is done as a part of or in connection with the sale of materials, goods, wares, or merchandise. Included in “gross receipts” shall be all receipts, cash credits and property of any kind or nature, without any deduction therefrom on account of the cost of the property sold, the cost of the material used, labor or service costs, interest paid or payable, or losses or other expenses whatsoever. Excluded from “gross receipts” shall be cash discounts allowed and taken on sales; credit allowed or property sold; any tax required by law to be included in or added to the purchase price and collected from the consumer or purchaser; monies received and / or placed in a segregated account or escrow for the benefit of a third party and not subject to the taxed party’s control; and such part of the sales price of property returned by purchasers upon rescission of the contract of sale as is refunded either in cash or by credit.

~~H.~~ “Licensing Authority” means the ~~Director of~~ Finance Director, or his or her designee.

~~I.~~ “Person” means any natural person, receiver, administrator, executor, assignee, trustee in bankruptcy, trust, estate, firm, co-partnership, joint venture, club, company, joint stock company, business trust, limited liability company, domestic or foreign corporation, association, syndicate, society or any group of individuals acting as a unit, any natural person who as an individual or with a spouse owns 51 percent or more of the capital stock of a corporation whose activities are governed by this title, or an individual who has the power to control the fiscal decision making process by which such a corporation allocates funds to creditors. Whenever the term “person” is used in this title in any clause prescribing and imposing tax liability or imposing a penalty the term as applied to an association or corporation shall mean the owners or part owners thereof, and as applied to corporations, also the officers thereof.

~~J. “Vehicle” means and includes every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public street or highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.~~

SECTION 11. The City Council hereby finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. It is therefore exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act. (14 CCR § 15061(b)(3).)

SECTION 12. Any provisions of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code, or appendices thereto, or any other ordinances of the City, to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Ordinance, and no further, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 13. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The People of the City of Manhattan Beach hereby declare that they would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 14. The City Council may amend this Ordinance without a vote of the People provided, however, that voter approval is required for any amendment that would increase the tax this Ordinance imposes within the meaning of Government Code section 53750(h).

SECTION 15. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9217, this Ordinance shall take effect 10 days after certification of its approval by a majority of those voting on the question.

SECTION 16. The Mayor shall sign, and the City Clerk shall attest to the passage of, this Ordinance upon certification by the City Council of the results of the election approving it.

WE hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by a majority of the voters of the City of Manhattan Beach voting on the question at the November 3, 2026, election.

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DATE

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JOE FRANKLIN
Mayor

ATTEST:

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LIZA TAMURA
City Clerk