

ORDINANCE NO. 25-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 108 (SPECIAL FUND CREATED) OF ARTICLE 13 (RETAIL MARIJUANA SALES TAX) OF CHAPTER 2 (BUSINESS LICENSING, LIQUOR REGULATION AND TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS 2001, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO EXPENDITURES OF THE SPECIAL FUND

WHEREAS, at the November 8, 2022, Coordinated Election the electorate of the City of Colorado Springs approved an initiated ordinance to impose an additional five percent (5%) sales tax on the sale of retail marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the initiated ordinance provided that the tax revenue could only be used for public safety programs, mental health services, and post-traumatic stress disorder treatment programs for veterans; and

WHEREAS, by its own terms the initiated ordinance went into effect on April 1, 2023, but was not codified at that time because the sale of retail marijuana was not lawful within the City of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, at the November 5, 2024, Coordinated Election, the electorate of the City of Colorado Springs approved retail marijuana businesses within the city limits pursuant to Ballot Question 300; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the City Code are needed to implement the retail marijuana sales tax on sales authorized by the passage of Ballot Question 300; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to solicit and review applications for grants to be made with retail marijuana sales tax revenue and to recommend expenditures to the Mayor.

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

Section 1. Section 108 (Special Fund Created) of Article 13 (Retail Marijuana Sales Tax) of Chapter 2 (Business Licensing, Liquor Regulation and Taxation) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

2.13.108 SPECIAL FUND CREATED:

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C. The City Council is hereby authorized to solicit and review applications for grants to be made from the special fund and to make recommendations to the Mayor concerning the expenditures of the special fund.

D. The City may enter into a contract or contracts with an established nonprofit organization or agency in the local area which provides public safety programs, mental health services, or post-traumatic stress disorder treatment programs for veterans in order to provide funding from the special fund created in section 2.13.108 of this article.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption and publication as provided by Charter.

Section 3. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance be available for inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Finally passed: _____

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

Mayor's Action:

- Approved on _____.
- Disapproved on _____, based on the following objections:

Blessing A. Mobolade, Mayor

Council Action After Disapproval:

- Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.
- Finally adopted on a vote of _____, on _____.
- Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk