RESOLUTION 0000-2012

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI, REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATURE APPROVE A LOCAL AND PRIVATE BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO LEVY A TAX ON THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF RESTAURANTS AND BARS AND RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS the governing authorities of the City of Gautier are interested in improving recreation, economic development and the promotion of tourism with the City of Gautier; and

WHEREAS there is a need for additional funds to achieve these goals; and

WHEREAS a tax on the receipts of restaurants and bars would provide funds at minimal costs to citizens of the City;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI, that the Legislature is urged to adopt a bill to achieve the purposes set forth above.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Speaker of the House, the Lieutenant Governor, and all members of the state Senate and House of Representatives who represent the City of Gautier.

The above and foregoing Resolution having previously been reduced to writing a motion was made by Councilmember and a second by Councilmember to approve and adopt the Resolution and no request having been made by the Mayor or any member of the Council that said Resolution be read by the City Clerk before a vote was taken Said Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council with results as follows:

Mayor Tommy Fortenberry

Councilmember Johnny Jones

Councilmember Hurley Ray Guillotte

Councilmember Gordon Gollott

Councilmember Scott Macfarland

Councilmember Adam Colledge

Councilwoman at Large Mary Martin

The motion having received the affirmative vote of members of the City Council and Mayor declared the motion so carried and this Resolution adopted on this ___day of 2012.

CITYOF GAUTIER MISSISSIPPI

BY:

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Tommy Fortenberry MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Wendy McClain CITYCLERK

EXHIBIT#_____

CITY OF GAUTIER
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 29, 2012

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Samantha D. Abell, City Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution requesting legislature approve a local and private bill for a referendum on the 2013 municipal elections ballot for the purposes of recreation and tourism.

REQUEST:

Approval of a resolution requesting that the legislature approve a local and private bill to allow Gautier to place a referendum on the 2013 municipal ballot proposing to levy a 1% tax on the gross receipts of restaurants and bars for the purposes of recreation and tourism. The request is based on citizen input and petition.

BACKGROUND:

January 2012, the City Council adopted its 2012 Legislative Priorities White Paper Package and forwarded the priorities to state legislators. The City's 2012 legislative priorities include a referendum on the ballot of the 2013 municipal election which would allow Gautier citizens to vote for whether they desire a 1% restaurant tax to be levied for the purpose of recreational programming and facilities. The state sales tax bureau provided information that in 2011, a special 1% tax would have generated $164,515.00 for recreational programming and facilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Larry Allen Email Dated 1.18.12

Wendy McClain

From: LARRY ALLEN <LARRY.ALLEN@dor.ms.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2012 5:10 PM
To: wmcclain@gautier-ms.gov
Subject: Re: Restuarant Sales Tax

Ms. McClain -

In reviewing the two restaurant industry codes for Gautier, MS, I see $16,451,538.00 in sales reflected by that statistic. A special tax at the rate of 1% would result in $164,515.00 in Special Tax. This is based on the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

I hope this is helpful. Let me know if I can help you further. Larry

Larry E. Allen, Deputy Director
Sales Tax Bureau
601-923-7018
601-923-7034 fax

>>> "Wendy McClain" <wmcclain@gautier-ms.gov> 1/18/2012 2:30 PM >>>
Mr. Allen

It was so nice to finally talk to someone that could help me. I need to know how much revenue a 1% Food and Beverage tax could bring into Gautier. My problem was that when we get our monthly sales tax report it is not broken down into categories, so I need a way to see how much revenue comes from the restaurants. I am so glad to hear you can get me a ball park figure b/c I really need it for a meeting tonight.

Thank You

Wendy McClain