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C.R.S. 31-11-106

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The full text of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

PEOPLE'S ORDINANCE 2012-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO, AMENDING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 15 OF TITLE V OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO, TO RAISE THE RATE OF CITY SALES AND USE TAX TO 3.2 %, TO PLEDGE $11,700,000 FROM THE NET PROCEEDS REALIZED BY RAISING THE SALES AND USE TAX TO 3.2 % TO THE MONTROSE RECREATION DISTRICT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A REVERSION OF THE SALES AND USE TAX RATE BACK TO 3% AFTER FULFILLMENT OF SAID PLEDGE TO THE MONTROSE RECREATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the City of Montrose, Colorado (the "City"), is a municipal corporation duly organized and operating as a home rule city under the Montrose City Charter and the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Montrose Recreation District ("Recreation District"), has formulated a capital improvement plan to identify necessary facility improvements at an estimated cost of $22,600,000; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation District has requested that a portion of the funds necessary to complete the capital improvements identified by the Recreation District be generated through a voter-approved sales and use tax increase of 0.2 %, representing a total revenue contribution of $11,700,000, and the City Council seeks to refer this matter to the voters accordingly; and

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

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(D) There are hereby created Montrose Recreation District Pledge Accounts. The amounts specified in Subsection (B) shall be placed therein and appropriated to the Montrose Recreation District.

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PETITION TO INITIATE

To: The Honorable Lisa DelPiccolo, Montrose City Clerk

We, the undersigned registered electors of the City of Montrose, CO do hereby respectfully order and demand that the above proposed People's Ordinance shall be submitted to the legal voters of the City for their adoption or rejection at the polls at the regular election to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. Each of the signers hereto says:

I sign this petition in my own proper person only. I am a registered elector of the City of Montrose and the State of Colorado. My residence address and the date of my signing this petition are correctly written immediately after my printed name. I hereby designate the following persons to represent me in all matters affecting this petition:

Jason Ullmann
1608 Alder Drive
Montrose, CO 81401

Barbara Bynum
2049 Brook Way
Montrose, CO 81403