ORDINANCE NO. 963

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE TOWN TAX CODE TO REPEAL THE SUNSET CLAUSE ADOPTED IN ORDINANCE NO. 888; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2017 the Mayor and Council of the Town of Payson adopted Ordinance No. 888 increasing the Transaction Privilege Tax rate from two and twelve one-hundredth percent (2.12%) to three percent \$3.00%), which was an increase of 0.88%;

WHEREAS, said Ordinance No. 888, Section V provided that the tax increase was to sunset no later than December 31, 2027 unless renewed by the Town Council prior to that date;

WHEREAS, the Town of Payson desires to repeal the Sunset Clause contained in Ordinance No. 888, Section V; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to preserve the health, safety and general welfare by adopting this Ordinance by emergency clause to effectuate the immediate repeal the Section V of Ordinance No. 888.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Payson, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Town Code is hereby amended by repealing the Sunset Clause in Section V of Ordinance No. 888 adopted by the Town Council on May 4, 2017.

<u>Section 3.</u> If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance, or any part of this amendment to the Tax Code, 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 thereof.

<u>Section 4.</u> The immediate operation of the provisions of this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the Town of Payson, and an emergency is hereby declared to exist. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, adoption, and approval by the Common Council of the Town of Payson.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE

TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA this _____ day of _____, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES ____ NOES ____ ABSTENTIONS ____ ABSENT ____

Christopher Higgins, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tracie Bailey, Town Clerk

Pierce Coleman, PLLC, Town Attorney

CERTIFICATION OF RECORDING OFFICER

STATE OF ARIZONA County of Gila)

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I, the undersigned Tracie Bailey, being the duly appointed, qualified Town Clerk of the Town of Payson, Gila County, Arizona, certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. ______ is a true, correct and accurate copy of Ordinance No. ______ passed and adopted at a Voting Meeting of the Council of the Town of Payson, Gila County, Arizona, held on the ____ day of _____ 2023, at which a quorum was present and, by a majority vote, _____ voted in favor of said ordinance.

Given under my hand and sealed this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Seal

Town Clerk