

1 RESOLUTION R-2024-

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL URGING LONGMONT
3 CITIZENS TO VOTE “YES” ON THE BALLOT ISSUE EXTENDING THE EXISTING
4 TWO-TENTHS OF A CENT OPEN SPACE SALES AND USE TAXES INDEFINITELY, ON
5 THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 COORDINATED ELECTION BALLOT
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7 WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance O-2000-41, which passed in November of 2000, City
8 of Longmont Sales and Use Taxes were increased by two-tenths of a cent, or two cents on a \$10
9 purchase, and the increased revenues were allocated only for open space purposes; and

10 WHEREAS, under Ordinance O-2007-73, the aforementioned tax increment will expire on
11 December 31, 2034, unless the City Council ordains, and the electors approve an extension; and

12 WHEREAS, an extension would provide additional funds for new open space projects and
13 activities, such as preserving natural areas, wildlife habitats, biodiversity, wetlands, agriculture
14 and visual corridors; designing District Parks devoted to low-impact recreational uses, and
15 providing urban shaping buffer zones between residential and nonresidential developments, and;

16 WHEREAS, over the past 24 years, Longmont has acquired 30 open spaces, preserving
17 over 3,200 acres of land, including approximately 1,600 acres for local agricultural preservation
18 and holds over 3,000 acres of conservation easements, some of which are held jointly with partners,
19 to protect conservation values on open spaces in perpetuity; and

20 WHEREAS, City Council has concluded that providing and maintaining open spaces to
21 residents is critical to the quality of life in our City indefinitely; and

22 WHEREAS, without increasing taxes, extending the existing sales tax indefinitely would
23 provide additional funds for new open space projects with certainty of funding; and

1 WHEREAS, extending the existing two-tenths of a cent open space sales and use tax
2 increment to address the need for open space funding provides a fair and equitable method of
3 allocating the cost for the open space acquisition, improvements, and maintenance among all who
4 benefit from the services and facilities of Longmont, residents and non-residents alike; and

5 WHEREAS, the Longmont City Council has determined that the proposed ballot question
6 extending the existing City open space sales and use tax indefinitely is in the best interests of the
7 City; and

8 WHEREAS, the Longmont City Council has submitted to the registered electors of
9 Longmont the proposed ordinance and ballot question under Sections 2.9 and 9.15 of the
10 Longmont Municipal Charter.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO,
12 RESOLVES:

13 Section 1

14 For the reasons stated above, the Longmont City Council supports the ballot issue
15 concerning extending the City’s existing open space sales and use tax indefinitely.

16 Section 2

17 The City Council urges Longmont citizens to fully inform themselves about the ballot issue
18 concerning extending the City’s existing open space sales and use tax indefinitely.

19 Section 3

20 The City Council urges Longmont citizens to vote “Yes” on the ballot issue concerning
21 extending the City’s existing open space sales and use tax indefinitely.

22 Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

DATE

PROOFREAD

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

DATE

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