



City of Fort Bragg

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Meeting Agenda Special City Council

**THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL MEETS CONCURRENTLY
AS THE FORT BRAGG MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NO. 1 AND THE FORT BRAGG REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR
AGENCY**

Monday, December 16, 2024

4:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N Main Street and Via Video
Teleconference

Special Meeting

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ROLL CALL

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2. COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

3. CONSENT

- 2A. [24-1078](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Agreements with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for Implementation of a Local Transaction and Use Tax

Attachments: [RESO CDTFA Execute Agreement 2024](#)
[Ex A - Preparatory Agreement](#)
[Ex B - Administration Agreement](#)
[Ordinance 995-2024 Measure TUT-Ordinance](#)

- 2B. [24-1079](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution of City of Fort Bragg Authorizing Examination of Sales or Transactions and Use Taxes Records Resolution for Examination of Confidential Records

Attachments: [RESO Authorizing Examination](#)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO)

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Amber Lenore Weaver
Acting City Clerk

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Adopt City Council Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Agreements with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for Implementation of a Local Transaction and Use Tax

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2024

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF A LOCAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX.**

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2024, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 995-2024 amending the City Municipal Code and providing for a local transactions and use tax; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (Department) administers and collects the transactions and use taxes for all applicable jurisdictions within the state; and

WHEREAS, the Department will be responsible to administer and collect the transactions and use tax for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Department requires that the City enter into a “Preparatory Agreement” and an “Administration Agreement” prior to implementation of said taxes, and

WHEREAS, the Department requires that the City Council authorize the agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg that the “Preparatory Agreement” attached as Exhibit A and the “Administrative Agreement” attached as Exhibit B are hereby approved and the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute each agreement.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 16th day of December 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**
- RECUSED:**

JASON GODEKE
Mayor

ATTEST:

Amber Lenore Weaver
Acting City Clerk

**AGREEMENT FOR PREPARATION TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE
CITY'S TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX ORDINANCE**

In order to prepare to administer a transactions and use tax ordinance adopted in accordance with the provision of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the City of Fort Bragg, hereinafter called *City*, and the CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION, hereinafter called *Department*, do agree as follows:

1. The Department agrees to enter into work to prepare to administer and operate a transactions and use tax in conformity with Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code which has been approved by a majority of the electors of the City and whose ordinance has been adopted by the City.

2. City agrees to pay to the Department at the times and in the amounts hereinafter specified all of the Department's costs for preparatory work necessary to administer the City's transactions and use tax ordinance. The Department's costs for preparatory work include costs of developing procedures, programming for data processing, developing and adopting appropriate regulations, designing and printing forms, developing instructions for the Department's staff and for taxpayers, and other appropriate and necessary preparatory costs to administer a transactions and use tax ordinance. These costs shall include both direct and indirect costs as specified in Section 11256 of the Government Code.

3. Preparatory costs may be accounted for in a manner which conforms to the internal accounting and personnel records currently maintained by the Department. The billings for costs may be presented in summary form. Detailed records of preparatory costs will be retained for audit and verification by the City.

4. Any dispute as to the amount of preparatory costs incurred by the Department shall be referred to the State Director of Finance for resolution, and the Director's decision shall be final.

5. Preparatory costs incurred by the Department shall be billed by the Department periodically, with the final billing within a reasonable time after the operative date of the ordinance. City shall pay to the Department the amount of such costs on or before the last day of the next succeeding month following the month when the billing is received.

6. The amount to be paid by City for the Department's preparatory costs shall not exceed one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) (Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7272.)

7. Communications and notices may be sent by first class United States mail or through email at jservices@cdtfa.ca.gov. If and when communications and notices may include confidential information, communications and notices must be sent through encrypted email at jservices@cdtfa.ca.gov or by mail. Communications and notices to be sent to the Department shall be addressed to:

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration
P.O. Box 942879 MIC: 27
Sacramento, California 94279-0027

Attention: Administrator
Local Revenue Branch

Communications and notices to be sent to City shall be addressed to:

City of Fort Bragg
416 North Franklin Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Attention: City Manager

8. The date of this agreement is the date on which it is approved by the Department of General Services. This agreement shall continue in effect until the preparatory work necessary to administer City's transactions and use tax ordinance has been completed and the Department has received all payments due from City under the terms of this agreement.

CITY OF FORT BRAGG

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX
AND FEE ADMINISTRATION

By _____
Signature

By _____
Administrator
Local Revenue Branch

Isaac Whippy

City Manager

**AGREEMENT FOR STATE ADMINISTRATION
OF CITY TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAXES**

The City Council of the City of Fort Bragg has adopted, and the voters of the City of Fort Bragg (hereafter called "City" or "District") have approved by the required majority vote, the City of Fort Bragg Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance (hereafter called "Ordinance"), a copy of which is attached hereto. To carry out the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and the Ordinance, the California State Department of Tax and Fee Administration, (hereinafter called the "Department") and the City do agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context requires otherwise, wherever the following terms appear in the Agreement, they shall be interpreted to mean the following:

1. "District taxes" shall mean the transactions and use taxes, penalties, and interest imposed under an ordinance specifically authorized by Revenue and Taxation code Section 7285.9, and in compliance with Part 1.6, Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

2. "City Ordinance" shall mean the City's Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance referred to above and attached hereto, Ordinance No.995-2024, as amended from time to time, or as deemed to be amended from time to time pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7262.2.

**ARTICLE II
ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION
OF CITY TAXES**

A. Administration. The Department and City agree that the Department shall perform exclusively all functions incident to the administration and operation of the City Ordinance.

B. Other Applicable Laws. City agrees that all provisions of law applicable to the administration and operation of the Department Sales and Use Tax Law which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code shall be applicable to the administration and operation of the City Ordinance. City agrees that money collected pursuant to the City Ordinance may be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Retail Sales Tax Fund and may be drawn from that Fund for any authorized purpose, including making refunds, compensating and reimbursing the Department pursuant to Article IV of this Agreement, and transmitting to City the amount to which City is entitled.

C. Transmittal of money.

1. For the period during which the tax is in effect, and except as otherwise provided herein, all district taxes collected under the provisions of the City Ordinance shall be transmitted to City periodically as promptly as feasible, but not less often than twice in each calendar quarter.

2. For periods subsequent to the expiration date of the tax whether by City's self-imposed limits or by final judgment of any court of the State of California holding that City's ordinance is invalid or void, all district taxes collected under the provisions of the City Ordinance shall be transmitted to City not less than once in each calendar quarter.

3. Transmittals may be made by mail or electronic funds transfer to an account of the City designated and authorized by the City. A statement shall be furnished at least quarterly indicating the amounts withheld pursuant to Article IV of this Agreement.

D. Rules. The Department shall prescribe and adopt such rules and regulations as in its judgment are necessary or desirable for the administration and operation of the City Ordinance and the distribution of the district taxes collected thereunder.

E. Preference. Unless the payor instructs otherwise, and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Department shall give no preference in applying money received for state sales and use taxes, state-administered local sales and use taxes, and district transactions and use taxes owed by a taxpayer, but shall apply moneys collected to

the satisfaction of the claims of the State, cities, counties, cities and counties, redevelopment agencies, other districts, and City as their interests appear.

F. Security. The Department agrees that any security which it hereafter requires to be furnished by taxpayers under the State Sales and Use Tax Law will be upon such terms that it also will be available for the payment of the claims of City for district taxes owing to it as its interest appears. The Department shall not be required to change the terms of any security now held by it, and City shall not participate in any security now held by the Department.

G. Records of the Department.

When requested by resolution of the legislative body of the City under section 7056 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Department agrees to permit authorized personnel of the City to examine the records of the Department, including the name, address, and account number of each seller holding a seller's permit with a registered business location in the City, pertaining to the ascertainment of transactions and use taxes collected for the City. Information obtained by the City from examination of the Department's records shall be used by the City only for purposes related to the collection of transactions and use taxes by the Department pursuant to this Agreement.

H. Annexation. City agrees that the Department shall not be required to give effect to an annexation, for the purpose of collecting, allocating, and distributing District transactions and use taxes, earlier than the first day of the calendar quarter which commences not less than two months after notice to the Department. The notice shall include the name of the county or counties annexed to the extended City boundary. In the event the City shall annex an area, the boundaries of which are not coterminous with a county or counties, the notice shall include a description of the area annexed and two maps of the City showing the area annexed and the location address of the property nearest to the extended City boundary on each side of every street or road crossing the boundary.

ARTICLE III
ALLOCATION OF TAX

A. Allocation. In the administration of the Department's contracts with all districts that impose transactions and use taxes imposed under ordinances, which comply with Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

1. Any payment not identified as being in payment of liability owing to a designated district or districts may be apportioned among the districts as their interest appear, or, in the discretion of the Department, to all districts with which the Department has contracted using ratios reflected by the distribution of district taxes collected from all taxpayers.

2. All district taxes collected as a result of determinations or billings made by the Department, and all amounts refunded or credited may be distributed or charged to the respective districts in the same ratio as the taxpayer's self-declared district taxes for the period for which the determination, billing, refund or credit applies.

B. Vehicles, Vessels, and Aircraft. For the purpose of allocating use tax with respect to vehicles, vessels, or aircraft, the address of the registered owner appearing on the application for registration or on the certificate of ownership may be used by the Department in determining the place of use.

ARTICLE IV
COMPENSATION

The City agrees to pay to the Department as the State's cost of administering the City Ordinance such amount as is provided for by law. Such amounts shall be deducted from the taxes collected by the Department for the City.

ARTICLE V

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. Communications. Communications and notices may be sent by first class United States mail to the addresses listed below, or to such other addresses as the parties may from time to time designate or through email at jservices@cdtfa.ca.gov. If and when communications and notices may include confidential information, communications and notices must be sent through encrypted email at jservices@cdtfa.ca.gov or by mail.

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Attention: Administrator
Local Revenue Branch

Communications and notices to be sent to the City shall be addressed to:

City of Fort Bragg
416 North Franklin Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Attention: City Manager

Unless otherwise directed, transmittals of payment of District transactions and use taxes will be sent to the address above.

B. Term. The date of this Agreement is the date on which it is approved by the Department of General Services. The Agreement shall take effect on December 16, 2024. This Agreement shall continue until December 31 next following the expiration date of the City Ordinance, and shall thereafter be renewed automatically from year to year until the Department completes all work necessary to the administration of the City Ordinance and has received and disbursed all payments due under that Ordinance.

C. Notice of Repeal of Ordinance. City shall give the Department written notice of the repeal of the City Ordinance not less than 110 days prior to the operative date of the repeal.

ARTICLE VI

ADMINISTRATION OF TAXES IF THE ORDINANCE IS CHALLENGED AS BEING INVALID

A. Impoundment of funds.

1. When a legal action is begun challenging the validity of the imposition of the tax, the City shall deposit in an interest-bearing escrow account, any proceeds transmitted to it under Article II. C., until a court of competent jurisdiction renders a final and non-appealable judgment that the tax is valid.

2. If the tax is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the City shall transmit to the Department the moneys retained in escrow, including any accumulated interest, within ten days of the judgment of the trial court in the litigation awarding costs and fees becoming final and non-appealable.

B. Costs of administration. Should a final judgment be entered in any court of the State of California, holding that City's Ordinance is invalid or void, and requiring a rebate or refund to taxpayers of any taxes collected under the terms of this Agreement, the parties mutually agree that:

1. Department may retain all payments made by City to Department to prepare to administer the City Ordinance.

2. City will pay to Department and allow Department to retain Department's cost of administering the City Ordinance in the amounts set forth in Article IV of this Agreement.

3. City will pay to Department or to the State of California the amount of any taxes plus interest and penalties, if any, that Department or the State of California may be required to rebate or refund to taxpayers.

4. City will pay to Department its costs for rebating or refunding such taxes, interest, or penalties. Department's costs shall include its additional cost for developing procedures for processing the rebates or refunds, its costs of actually making these refunds, designing and printing forms, and developing instructions for Department's staff for use in making these rebates or refunds and any other costs incurred by Department which are reasonably appropriate or necessary to make those rebates or refunds. These costs shall include Department's direct and indirect costs as specified by Section 11256 of the Government Code.

5. Costs may be accounted for in a manner, which conforms to the internal accounting, and personnel records currently maintained by the Department. The billings for such costs may be presented in summary form. Detailed records will be retained for audit and verification by City.

6. Any dispute as to the amount of costs incurred by Department in refunding taxes shall be referred to the State Director of Finance for resolution and the Director's decision shall be final.

7. Costs incurred by Department in connection with such refunds shall be billed by Department on or before the 25th day of the second month following the month in which the judgment of a court of the State of California holding City's Ordinance invalid or void becomes final. Thereafter Department shall bill City on or before the 25th of each month for all costs incurred by Department for the preceding calendar month. City shall pay to Department the amount of such costs on or before the last day of the succeeding month and shall pay to Department the total amount of taxes, interest, and penalties refunded or paid to taxpayers, together with Department costs incurred in making those refunds.

CITY OF FORT BRAGG

By _____
Signature

Isaac Whippy

City Manager

CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF
TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION

By _____
Administrator
Local Revenue Branch

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG ADDING CHAPTER 3.09 TO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPOSE A TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO. 995-2024

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 7285.9, the City of Fort Bragg (the "City") has the authority to levy a transactions and use; and

WHEREAS, the People and the City Council desire to levy a new transactions and use tax to be administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: Amendment. Chapter 3.09 (Transactions and Use Tax of 2024) of Title 3 (Revenue and Finance) is hereby added to the Municipal Code to read as follows:

Section 3.09.005. Title.

This chapter shall be known as the City of Fort Bragg Public Safety, Workforce Housing, and Essential Services Ordinance of 2024. The City of Fort Bragg hereinafter shall be called "City." This chapter shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City.

Section 3.09.010 Operative Date

"Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this chapter, the date of such adoption being as set forth at the bottom of the voter-approved ordinance adding this chapter to this code.

Section 3.09.020 Purpose.

This chapter is adopted to achieve the following, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

- A. To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285.9 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 which authorizes the City to adopt this ordinance which shall be operative if a majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.

B. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

C. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefore that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

D. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 3.09.030 Contract with State

Prior to the operative date, the City shall contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of the transactions and use tax imposed by this chapter; provided, that if the City shall not have contracted with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

Section 3.09.040 Imposition of 0.375% Transactions Tax

For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the City at the rate of 0.375% of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this Chapter.

Section 3.09.050 Place of Sale

For the purposes of this chapter, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Section 3.09.060 Imposition of 0.375% Use Tax

An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this chapter for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of 0.375% of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

Section 3.09.070 Adoption of Provisions of State Law

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this chapter as though fully set forth herein.

Section 3.09.080 Limitations on Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes

In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

A. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this City shall be substituted therefor. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California.

2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this City or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this Chapter.

3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or;

b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the state under the said provision of that code.

4. In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code..

B. The word "City" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

1. "A retailer engaged in business in the District" shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined sales of tangible personal property in this state or for delivery in the State by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). For purposes of this section, a person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to Section 267(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and the regulations thereunder

Section 3.09.090 Permit Not Required

If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this chapter.

Section 3.09.100 Exemptions and Exclusions

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

B. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:

1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

2. Sales of property to be used outside the City which is shipped to a point outside the City, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the City shall be satisfied:

a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-City address and by a declaration under penalty of

perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-City and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this chapter.

4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this chapter.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

C. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this chapter, the storage, use or other consumption in this City of tangible personal property:

1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.

2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this chapter.

4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this chapter.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

6. Except as provided in subparagraph (7), a retailer engaged in business in the City shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the City or participates within the City in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the City or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the City under the authority of the retailer.

7. "A retailer engaged in business in the City" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the City.

D. Any person subject to use tax under this chapter may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

Section 3.09.120 Amendments

All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this chapter to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this chapter, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this chapter.

Section 3.09.130 Enjoining Collection Forbidden

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the City, or against any officer of the State or the City, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this chapter, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

Section 3.09.140 Use of Tax Proceeds

Proceeds of the tax imposed by this chapter shall be deposited in the general fund of the City and shall be available for any lawful purpose. Once deposited, such proceeds shall be audited as part of City's annual independent audit of the general fund and shall be accounted for in the City's Consolidated Annual Financial Report."

SECTION II: Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION V: Election Required. This Ordinance shall not become operative unless and until it is approved by the voters at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election.

SECTION VI: Amendment. This Ordinance may be amended by the City Council. However, no such amendment can increase the rate of the tax imposed by this ordinance or make a change that is inconsistent with the laws of the State that govern transactions and use taxes.

SECTION VII: Effective Date. This Ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of a transactions and use tax and shall take effect immediately.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg on July 8, 2024 and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on August 12, 2024 by the following two-thirds vote:

- AYES: Councilmembers Albin-Smith, Peters, Rafanan, Vice Mayor Godeke and Mayor Novell.**
- NOES: None.**
- ABSENT: None.**
- ABSTAIN: None.**
- RECUSE: None.**



Bernie Novell
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Sanchez
City Clerk

ADOPTED by the voters of the City of Fort Bragg at the General Municipal Election held on November 4, 2024 by a vote declared by the City Council on December 9, 2024.

Bernie Novell
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Sanchez, City Clerk



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Adopt City Council Resolution of City of Fort Bragg Authorizing Examination of Sales or Transactions and Use Taxes Records Resolution for Examination of Confidential Records

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG AUTHORIZING EXAMINATION OF SALES OR TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAXES RECORDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance Number 995-2024 of the City of Fort Bragg (City), and Revenue and Taxation Code section 7270, the City entered into a contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (Department) to perform all functions incident to the administration and collection of transactions and use taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the City deems it desirable and necessary for authorized officers, employees and representatives of the City to examine confidential sales or transactions and use tax records of the Department pertaining to transactions and use taxes collected by the Department for the City pursuant to that contract; and

WHEREAS, Section 7056 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code sets forth certain requirements and conditions for the disclosure of Department records, and Section 7056.5 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code establishes criminal penalties for the unlawful disclosure of information contained in, or derived from, the sales or transactions and use tax records of the Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG HEARBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City Manager, Finance Director, or other officer or employee of the City designated in writing by the City Manager to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration is hereby appointed to represent the City with authority to examine sales or transactions and use tax records of the Department pertaining to transactions and use taxes collected for the City by the Department pursuant to the contract between the City and the Department.

Section 2.

The information obtained by examination of Department records shall be used only for purposes related to the collection of City transactions and use taxes by the Department pursuant to that contract, and for purposes related to the following governmental functions of the City:

- (a) City administration;
- (b) Revenue management and budgeting;
- (c) Tracking of economic data;
- (d) Forecasting and budget related functions;
- (e) Detection of misallocations and deficiencies;
- (f) Community and economic development; and
- (g) Business license tax administration.

The information obtained by examination of Department records shall be used only for those governmental functions of the City listed above.

Section 3. That MuniServices, LLC dba Avenu MuniServices LLC is hereby designated to examine the sales or transactions and use tax records of the Department pertaining to transactions and use taxes collected for the City by the Department. The person or entity designated by this section meets all of the following conditions, which are also included in the contract between the City and the MuniServices LLC dba Avenu MuniServices LLC:

- a) has an existing contract with the City to examine those sales or transactions and use tax records;
- b) is required by that contract to disclose information contained in, or derived from, those sales or transactions and use tax records only to the officer or employee authorized under Section 1 of this resolution to examine the information.
- c) is prohibited by that contract from performing consulting services for a retailer during the term of that contract;
- d) is prohibited by that contract from retaining the information contained in, or derived from those sales or transactions and use tax records, after that contract has expired.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the information obtained by examination of Department records shall be used only for purposes related to the collection of City transactions and use taxes by the Department pursuant to the contract between the City and the Department and for those purposes relating to the governmental functions of the City listed in section 2 of this resolution.

Section 4. That MuniServices LLC dba Avenu MuniServices LLC is hereby designated to examine the sales or transactions and use tax records of the Department pertaining to any petition or appeal for the reallocation/redistribution of sales or transactions and use taxes that was filed by MuniServices LLC dba Avenu MuniServices LLC on behalf of the City pursuant to the contract between MuniServices LLC dba Avenu MuniServices LLC and City. The person or entity designated by this section meets all of the following conditions, which are also included in the contract between the City and MuniServices LLC dba Avenu MuniServices LLC:

- a) has an existing contract with the City to examine those sales or transactions and use tax records;
- b) is required by that contract to disclose information contained in, or derived from, those sales or transactions and use tax records only to the officer or employee authorized under Section 1 of this resolution to examine the information.
- c) is prohibited by that contract from performing consulting services for a retailer during the term of that contract;

d) is prohibited by that contract from retaining the information contained in, or derived from those sales or transactions and use tax records, after that contract has expired.

Section 5.

That this resolution supercedes all prior resolutions of the Board of the City adopted pursuant to subdivision (b) of Revenue and Taxation Code section 7056.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 16th day of December 2024.

ATTEST: (s) _____
Acting City Clerk

I, Amber Weaver, Acting City Clerk of the City of Fort Bragg, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg, at a meeting of the City Council held on the 16th day of December, 2024, by the following roll-call vote:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**
- RECUSED:**

JASON GODEKE
Mayor

ATTEST:

Amber Lenore Weaver
Acting City Clerk