



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, September 14, 2004**

**Council Session**

## **Item F4**

**#8934 - Consideration of Amending the Grand Island City Code  
Relative to Downtown Improvement and Parking District Taxes**

Staff Contact: David Springer

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** David Springer, Finance Director

**Meeting:** September 14, 2004

**Subject:** Consideration of Amending City Code Chapter 13-3  
Relative to Tax Rate for Downtown Improvement and  
Parking District No. 1

**Item #'s:** F-4

**Presenter(s):** David Springer, Finance Director

## **Background**

This request is the annual Council action to establish the occupation tax that supports the budget for Downtown Improvement and Parking District No. 1. Assessments in this district are based upon an occupation tax on the public space of the businesses operating within the District and are ordinarily paid by the business occupants of the space. This district has been in place since 1975, and is primarily focused on physical improvements and maintenance of public parking lots and green areas and other activities as allowed by NE. Rev Statutes 19-4016-4038.

## **Discussion**

The FY2004-2005 occupation tax factor is \$.1377 per square foot of public use space, with a minimum annual fee of \$104.72. Total non-exempt footage in the District is 316,902 which would provide for occupation taxes of \$44,645.52.

## **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the amendment to the city code.
2. Modify the amendment to meet the wishes of the Council.
3. Deny the amendment.

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the amendment to City Code.

## **Sample Motion**

Approve the Amendment to City Code Chapter 13-3 relative to the tax rate for the Downtown Improvement and Parking District No. 1.

ORDINANCE NO. 8934

An ordinance to amend Chapter 13 of the Grand Island City Code; to amend Section 13-3 pertaining to the occupation tax for Downtown Improvement and Parking District No. 1; to repeal Section 13-3 as now existing, and any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Section 13-3 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§13-3. Tax Rate**

The annual rate of the general license and occupation tax and classification of businesses shall be as follows:

- (1) ~~\$00.1377~~ ~~\$00.1342~~ square foot floor space upon all space used for business and professional offices in the district; provided,
- (2) \$104.72 minimum annual tax for any single business or professional office should the tax rate under (1) above be less than \$104.72.

SECTION 2. Section 13-3 as now existing, and any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication, within fifteen days in one issue of the Grand Island Independent as provided by law.

Enacted: September 14, 2004.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
September 9, 2004	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City Attorney