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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 5.04.060 OF THE SUNNYSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO TAX RATES FOR WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE SERVICE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sunnyside has previously adopted ordinances establishing the Occupation Licensing and Taxes codified at Chapter 5.04 of the Sunnyside Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.04.060 of such code provides for tax rates related to water, sewer, and garbage service; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the tax rate should be increased from 19% to 29%; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that such amendment is in the best interests of residents of the City of Sunnyside and will promote efficient operation of the City and will promote the general health, safety and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. Section 5.04.060 of the Sunnyside Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

The tax provided for in this chapter shall be computed at the rate of <u>29</u> percent of the gross income derived from each of the following occupations or business activities conducted within the corporate limits of the City: all persons engaged in or carrying on the business of selling or supplying domestic water, sewer services, or collecting or disposing of garbage and/or sewage or other wastes, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, solid waste and garbage departments of the City. Per RCW 82.18.020, there is imposed an additional solid waste collection tax equal to three and six-tenths percent of the consideration charged for the services.

<u>Section 2</u>. Except as amended herein, the provisions of Chapter 5.04 of the Sunnyside Municipal Code shall remain unchanged.

<u>Section 3</u>. That the utility tax rates adopted herein shall apply to the first billing issued in January 2019 and all subsequent billings.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective five days after passage, approval and publication as required by law, and

PASSED this 13th day of November, 2018.

JULIA HART, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JACQUELINE RENTERIA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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