

ORDINANCE NO. 977

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 831 AND  
ORDINANCE 831a (CODE SECTION 3-5-2) TO ALLOW  
FOR A CHANGE IN THE USE OF FUNDS; TO CREATE A  
FUND FOR THE PROMOTION AND FOSTERING OF  
TOURISM; CREATING A COMMITTEE FOR THE  
REVIEW OF GRANT FUNDS REQUESTS; PROVIDING AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING THAT PROVISIONS  
ARE CUMULATIVE; AND, PROVIDING FOR  
SEVERABILITY**

WHEREAS, Ordinance 831 was passed by the City Council on December 7, 1999;

WHEREAS, Ordinance 831a was passed by the City Council on April 3, 2012;

WHEREAS, Section \_\_\_\_\_ of Ordinance 831 (Code Section 3-5-5) limits the use of the taxes collected to be used solely for the purpose of paying the costs of operating and maintaining a community conference center;

WHEREAS, the Frisco Center was constructed and the tax has been collected since 1999 and has accumulated a surplus;

WHEREAS, the council believes it is reasonable and in the best interest of the City to amend the Code to allow for the use of the subject tax in other areas, in addition to maintenance and operation of the Frisco Center;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordered by the Council of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma:

SECTION 1. (Code Section 3-5-5) shall be amended to read as follows:

A. All taxes collected pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be allocated, as they are received, as follows:

- 1) Eighty Five Percent (85%) shall be allocated to the operation and maintenance of the Frisco Center;
- 2) Fifteen Percent (15%) to a fund for the purpose of encouraging promotion and fostering tourism, conventions or special events, and promote interest in the facilities for the development of conventions, tourism and special events within the City. The monies in this fund shall be administered by a committee established in subsection B of this chapter, called the "Convention & Visitors Committee."

B. Convention & Visitors Committee.

- 1) Creation/Membership/Term: The council hereby creates a Convention & Visitors Committee. The members of the Committee shall, ex officio, be the same persons who are acting members of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce's Executive Board, for the same duration as they shall occupy their Board seat.
- 2) Functions: The Committee shall meet monthly, after the regularly scheduled meeting of the Chamber's Executive Board. The Committee shall obtain information and provide advice and recommendations to the City Manager and Council with respect to tourism activities and opportunities. Additionally, the Committee shall be responsible for accepting and vetting Grant Fund Applications from individuals and entities seeking funding for conventions, athletic events, festivals, and similar events, which promote tourism in Clinton. The Committee shall utilize standards promulgated by resolution of the Council to review applications and make recommendations to Council for the approval and release of the funds.
- 3) All Grant Fund Applications, which are approved by a majority vote of the Committee, shall be presented to the City Council for approval and release of the funds.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become and be effective only after approval by a majority of the qualified electors of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma, voting on the proposition of approving the same in the manner prescribed by law. The levy of the aforesaid sales tax shall continue on and after \_\_\_\_\_.

SECTION 3. The provisions hereof shall be cumulative and in addition to any and all other taxing provisions of City Ordinances.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any part or provision hereof shall be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall not affect or impair any of the remaining parts or provisions hereof.

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Anders, City Clerk