

ORDINANCE NO. 10,005

An ordinance to amend Chapter 23, Article VI (Hotel Tax), Section 61 (Intent) of Grand Island City Code to clarify post-construction intent for said tax and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

WHEREAS, an occupation tax commonly known as the “hotel tax” was imposed by the City of Grand Island prior to the construction of the exposition center (known as the Heartland Event Center) for purposes of the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the Heartland Event Center; and,

WHEREAS, the Heartland Event Center has now been constructed and in operation for over 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, having completed their original construction, maintenance, and operational obligations to the City, Fonner Park Exposition and Events Center, Inc has concluded its operation of the Center for the benefit of the City; and,

WHEREAS, upon payment of the final debt service payment for the design and construction of the building, the ongoing maintenance and operation of the Center are now the responsibility of the City of Grand Island as the legal owner of the Center.

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

SECTION 1. Section 23-61 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

23-61 Intent

It is the intent of the City Council that the city shall use the revenue generated by the occupation tax imposed by this article to fund the maintenance and operation of the Heartland Event Center for the purposes set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-315 (1997).

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Enacted: January 14, 2025.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

Jill Granere, City Clerk