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COUNCIL BILL: 2017- 298

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AN ORDINANCE

1 AMENDING the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, 'Administration,' Article IV, 'Boards,
2 Commissions and Committees,' Section 2-271. – 'Powers and duties,' by
3 changing the frequency of reports by the Citizens' Tax Oversight
4 Committee.

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7 WHEREAS, on January 25, 2010, by passage of General Ordinance 5856, City
8 Council established an advisory board to be known as the Citizens' Sales Tax Oversight
9 Committee ("Committee"); and

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11 WHEREAS, the Committee has recently considered the proper frequency for
12 which it should report its findings to Council; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Committee recommends reporting its findings to Council in one
15 consolidated report each year.

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17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
18 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:

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20 Section 1 – Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, 'Administration,' Article IV, 'Boards,
21 Commissions and Committees,' Section 2-271. – 'Powers and duties,' is hereby
22 amended as follows:

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24 Note: Language to be added is underlined. Language being removed is ~~stricken~~.

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26 Sec. 2-271.- Powers and duties.

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28 (a) *Duty to report to the City Council regarding Committee's proceedings.*

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30 (1) The chairperson of the Committee, or their designee, shall make a
31 report of the Committee's proceedings to City Council at least once
32 every six months per year. This report shall be made in person and
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Section 2 – Savings Clause. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court or any rights acquired or liability incurred nor any cause or causes of action occurred or existing, under any act or ordinance repealed hereby. Nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 3 – Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. Council hereby declares that it would have adopted the Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

Section 4 – This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

Passed at meeting: _____

Mayor

Attest: _____, City Clerk

Filed as Ordinance: _____

Approved as to form: *Achalat, Wicker*, Assistant City Attorney

Approved for Council action: *Greg Burt*, City Manager

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2017- 298

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ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Law

PURPOSE: To amend the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, 'Administration,' Article IV, 'Boards, Commissions and Committees,' Section 2-271. – 'Powers and duties,' by changing the frequency of reports by the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee.

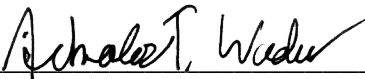
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The purpose of this Ordinance is to reflect the preference of the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee ("Committee") to report its findings to Council in one consolidated report each year.

The duties and responsibilities of the Committee were originally established by City Council on January 25, 2010, when it enacted General Ordinance 5856. Subsequently, a number of additional obligations and responsibilities have been assigned to the Committee.

Originally, the Committee provided citizen oversight of the City's administration of the 3/4-cent Pension Fund Sales Tax. Over time, Council has added the 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax, the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax, and the Motel/Hotel Tax to the Committee's oversight.

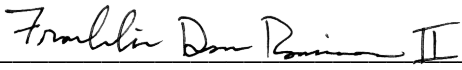
On October 16, 2017, in General Ordinance 6400, the Committee's collective duties were codified and expanded to include review of the City's Level of Property Tax. On November 21, 2017, the Committee voted to recommend to Council that its duty to report, as described in City Code Section 2-271, should be modified to require one consolidated report annually.

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