

RESOLUTION 1697

**RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PROPOSAL TO IMPOSE
A HOTEL AND MOTEL TAX WITHIN THE CITY.**

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch, Iowa, proposes to impose by ordinance a hotel and motel tax within the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 423A.4 of the Code of Iowa provides that before the City Council may institute proceedings for the imposition of such a tax, it shall call a special election to vote upon the proposition of imposing the tax in accordance with the provisions of the statute; and

WHEREAS, the West Branch Times, is a legal newspaper, printed wholly in English language, as defined by Section 618.3 of the Code of Iowa, and is published and of general circulation within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby called a special City Election on Tuesday, the 1st day of May, 2018, at which election there shall be submitted to the registered voters the following question”

“SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?”

Shall the City of West Branch, Iowa be authorized to impose by Ordinance a Local Hotel and Motel Tax at a rate of seven percent (7%), effective (Either July 1, 2018 or January 1, 2019), with at least fifty percent (50%) of the revenues derived from the Local Hotel and Motel Tax to be used for the promotion and encouragement of tourist and convention business in the City and surrounding areas; and the remaining revenues derived from the Local Hotel and Motel Tax to be used for all other purposes permitted pursuant to Chapter 423A of the Code of Iowa?”

Section 2. That the voting place or places for the election, and the hours the polls shall be opened and closed shall be set out in the notice of election, such notice to be prepared and approved by the County Commissioner of Elections.

Section 3. That the form of ballot to be used at the election shall be of the type authorized by the Code of Iowa that will permit the use of electronic counters and will be in substantially the form set forth in the Notice of Election. That if more than one public measure shall be submitted to the electors at the time of the election, all such measures shall be printed upon one ballot.

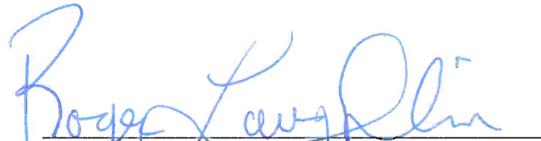
Section 4. That the Election Board for the voting precinct or precincts shall be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections, not less than 15 days before the date of said election.

Section 5. That the Auditor of Cedar County, Iowa, being the County Commissioner of Elections, is hereby directed to publish notice of the election once in the "West Branch Times", being a local newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, as defined by Section 618.3 of the Code of Iowa, published in said County and of general circulation therein, the publication to be not less than four nor more than twenty days prior to the date of the election.

Section 6. That the County Commissioner of Elections shall cause to be prepared all such ballots and election registers and other supplies as may be necessary for the proper and legal conduct of said election.

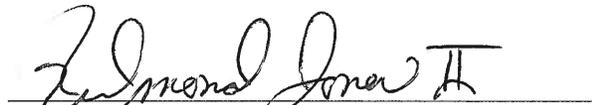
Section 7. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution in the office of the County Commissioner of Elections, which filing shall also constitute the "written notice" to the County Commissioner of Elections of the election date required to be given by the governing body under the provisions of Chapter 47 of the Code of Iowa.

Passed and approved this 19th day of March, 2018.



Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Redmond Jones II, City Administrator/Clerk