

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA IMPOSING A  
TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION TO FUND JOHN C.  
FREMONT HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO “SAVE THE HOSPITAL”**

WHEREAS, John C. Fremont Healthcare District (“Healthcare District”) has boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of Mariposa County; and

WHEREAS, the Healthcare District operates John C. Fremont Hospital, the only hospital in Mariposa County; and

WHEREAS, John C. Fremont Hospital operates the only 24/7 emergency room in the County of Mariposa, where highly qualified doctors, nurses and specialists provide life-saving medical care for victims of accidents, heart attacks, strokes and other medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SB 1953, Chapter 740, Statutes of 1994, California Health and Safety Code sections 130000 through 130070, the State of California mandates that all hospitals must conform to seismic safety earthquake codes established by OSHPD (Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development) to protect hospitalized patients from seismic disasters by 2030, or must terminate their services; and

WHEREAS, the seventy-year-old John C. Fremont Hospital does not currently meet the seismic earthquake safety standards required by the State of California, and is therefore facing closure by January 1, 2030 if it does not rebuild to the required standards; and

WHEREAS, building a new hospital has been determined to be more cost effective for conforming to California’s safety standards, and has the additional advantages of being able to house the increasingly sophisticated imaging and lab equipment and to expand capacity for modern hospital services that are essential to provide optimum health care to Mariposa’s residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the easily accessible local emergency room would jeopardize the survival of Mariposa’s residents because time is of the essence in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, a modern, state-of-the-art hospital would make it easier to recruit and retain healthcare professionals, including specialists; and

WHEREAS, a seismically safe, fully equipped and competently staffed hospital is necessary to promoting the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Mariposa County for generations to come.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the Mariposa County Healthcare 2022 Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance. The County of Mariposa, hereinafter, shall be called “County” or “District.” This ordinance shall be applicable throughout the entire territory of the County.

**Section 2. OPERATIVE DATE.** “Operative Date” means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this ordinance, the date of such adoption being as set forth below.

**Section 3. PURPOSES.** This ordinance is adopted to achieve the following purposes, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

A. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance in the amount of one percent (1%) as provided herein, for the specific purpose of generating funds to be deposited into a dedicated account as specified herein, for the specific purpose of designing, constructing and equipping a new community hospital, and other purposes, as more fully described in the Expenditure Plan contained in Attachment 1. This tax is intended to be in addition to any other transactions and use tax that may be in effect at the time of the effective date of this ordinance.

B. To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285.5 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 which authorizes the County to adopt this tax ordinance which shall be operative if a majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose, or if the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopts this ordinance prior to an election pursuant to California Elections Code section 9118, subsection (a).

C. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

D. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefor that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

E. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will, to the greatest degree possible, be consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

#### Section 4. CONTRACT WITH STATE.

A. Prior to the Operative Date, the County shall contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance; provided, that if the County shall not have contracted with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration prior to the Operative Date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the Operative Date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

B. Payment for the cost of contracting with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for administration of the tax shall be the responsibility of the County. If the election is successful, the County shall be reimbursed for any fee charged by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration from sales tax revenues.

Section 5. TRANSACTIONS TAX RATE. For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the territory of the District at the rate of one percent (1%) of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the Operative Date of this ordinance.

Section 6. PLACE OF SALE. For the purposes of this ordinance, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is

delivered by the retailer or his or her agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Section 7. USE TAX RATE. An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the District of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the Operative Date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of one percent (1%) of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

Section 8. ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

Section 9. LIMITATIONS ON ADOPTION OF STATE LAW AND COLLECTION OF USE TAXES. In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

A. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this County shall be substituted therefor. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Treasury, the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, or the Constitution of the State of California;

2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this County or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this ordinance.

3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; or

b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the State under the said provision of that code.

4. In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

B. The word “District” shall be substituted for the word “State” in the phrase “retailer engaged in business in this State” in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

Section 10. PERMIT NOT REQUIRED. If a seller’s permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor’s permit shall not be required by this ordinance.

Section 11. EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS.

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

B. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:

1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the County in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

2. Sales of property to be used outside the District which is shipped to a point outside the District, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his or her agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the District shall be satisfied:

a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-District address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-District and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the Operative Date of this ordinance.

4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the Operative Date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subsections (3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

C. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this ordinance, the storage, use or other consumption in this District of tangible personal property:

1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.

2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the Operative Date of this ordinance.

4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the Operative Date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subsections (3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

6. Except as provided in subparagraph (7), a retailer engaged in business in the District shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the District or participates within the District in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the District or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the District under the authority of the retailer.

7. "A retailer engaged in business in the District" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the District.

D. Any person subject to use tax under this ordinance may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

Section 12. EXPENDITURE PLAN. In conformance with Section 7285.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the specific purposes for which the revenues from the tax set forth in this ordinance may be expended is attached hereto in Attachment 1 entitled "Expenditure Plan."

Section 13. ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY.

A. The Healthcare District shall establish a “Save the Hospital” Fund wherein all retail transactions and use tax proceeds generated by this ordinance shall be deposited. The Fund shall be maintained separate and apart from all other Healthcare District funds. Proceeds from the Fund shall only be used for the specific purposes identified in the Expenditure Plan in Attachment 1 of this ordinance.

B. The Healthcare District Board of Directors shall prepare or cause to be prepared a General Implementation Plan for implementation of the Expenditure Plan within one year of the Operative Date of this ordinance for presentation to the general public. The Plan shall serve as a general guide for any anticipated capital expenditures, provide a general projected time-line for implementation, and be periodically updated.

C. The Healthcare District Board of Directors shall prepare or cause to be prepared a Monthly Financial Report summarizing any expenditures pursuant to the Expenditure Plan and General Implementation Plan, and the status of any projects or description of any programs or services funded from proceeds of the retail transactions and use tax. The report shall be a public document.

D. The Healthcare District Board of Directors shall prepare or cause to be prepared an Annual Progress Report for the general public describing progress made toward implementation of the Expenditure Plan and General Implementation Plan.

Section 14. AMENDMENTS. All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this ordinance, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of the tax imposed by this ordinance.

Section 15. ENJOINING COLLECTION FORBIDDEN. No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction against the State or the County, or against any officer of the State or the County, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

Section 16. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 17. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the District transactions and use taxes and shall take effect immediately if a majority or more of the electors voting on the measure at the election held on June 7, 2022 vote to approve this ordinance, or if the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopts this ordinance prior to the election pursuant to California Elections Code section 9118, subsection (a).

Section 18. TERMINATION DATE. The authority to levy the tax imposed by this ordinance shall remain in effect for a period of 40 years beginning on and after the Operative Date of this ordinance.

ATTACHMENT 1  
EXPENDITURE PLAN

Tax revenues pursuant to this ordinance shall be used, throughout the period the tax is being imposed, to fund the Healthcare District's expenditures for the following purposes:

- To design, construct and equip a new community hospital that meets all applicable seismic safety and other building standards. The new hospital is to be strategically situated on the campus where the existing hospital and other District facilities are located.
- To modify and repurpose existing facilities, including the existing hospital, Ewing Wing, main and satellite clinics, and administrative offices, to better satisfy the current and future healthcare needs of Mariposa County residents and visitors.
- To cover other expenses directly related to funding, administering and completing the above projects.

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