

RESOLUTION 2024-10

**A GRANITE COUNTY RESOLUTION REQUESTING A BALLOT ISSUE FOR THE
GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 REGARDING A PROPOSED
LOCAL OPTION MOTOR VEHICLE TAX**

WHEREAS, Granite County (“County”) has noticed a significant increase in the number of motor vehicle registrations completed in Granite County in the last five (5) years; and,

WHEREAS, per MCA § 61-3-537(3) (2023), the Montana Legislature, gave counties the ability to impose a Local Option Motor Vehicle Tax with approval of a majority of the County’s electorate;

WHEREAS, the funds collected will be distributed in accordance with the law as set forth in MCA § 61-3-537(2) (2023) with fifty percent (50%) to the County and the other fifty percent (50%) to the County and incorporated towns within the County (Drummond and Philipsburg), apportioned on the basis of population established by the 2020 U.S. Census;

WHEREAS, the County and incorporated municipalities do need the funds generated by this tax to maintain current services;

WHEREAS, the portions of the proceeds distributed to the County will be used for the purpose of funding local government;

WHEREAS; the electorate of Granite County, will be requested to vote upon whether or not the County Commission may impose a Local Option Motor Vehicle Tax with the on the November 5, 2024 ballot, with the proposed ballot issue being as follows:

Granite County Ballot Issue No 1.:

Shall the Board of Granite County Commissioners be authorized to impose a 0.5% local option motor vehicle tax upon all luxury light weight vehicles with a manufacturer’s suggested retail price of \$100,000 or more and all motor homes with a manufacturer’s suggested retail price of \$200,000.00 or more, as imposed under Montana Code Annotated (“MCA”) § 61-3-503 beginning January 1, 2025. The collection of these funds will be distributed according to the law as set forth in MCA § 61-3-537.

- FOR local option motor vehicle tax
- AGAINST local option motor vehicle tax

WHEREAS, the County published and held a public meeting to receive comments on the proposed fee on _____, 2024 in the County Commissioners’ Office on the main floor of Granite County Courthouse;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granite County Commission, by adopting this current Resolution, intend to ask the voters of Granite County to vote whether or not the County Commission may impose the Local Option Motor Vehicle Tax as stated above.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall have an immediate effective date.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this _____ day of July, 2024, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GRANITE COUNTY**

Blanche McLure, Chairperson

Scott C. Adler, Commissioner

Charles L. Hinkle, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Sarah Graham, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

Blaine C. Bradshaw, Granite County Attorney

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