

ORDINANCE 604

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, THAT RESCINDS ITS PREVIOUS FOOD TAX DECREASE IN PRIOR ORDINANCE 601

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2020 the Mayor and Council for the City of Benson, Arizona passed an Ordinance (601) that decreased the food tax from 3.5% to 3.0%; and,

WHEREAS, the above described Ordinance states that the above described food tax decrease would go into effect on July 1, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, there has been a significant and unexpected change in circumstances in the City of Benson, Cochise County, State of Arizona, and the United States of American, since the above described Ordinance was passed; and,

WHEREAS, the above stated significant and unexpected change of circumstances derive from the COVID-19 pandemic, subsequent responsive applicable emergency declarations, and the following negative economic impact that followed; and,

WHEREAS, the Benson City Council believes that it is in the best interests of the City of Benson to rescind the above described food tax decrease that was scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2020; therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, that:

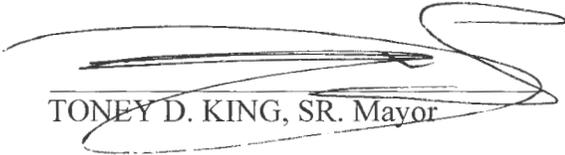
1. Only the following part of Ordinance 601 is immediately rescinded: the part that reduces from three and one-half percent (3.5%) to three percent (3%), effective July 1, 2020, for Section SA-462, Retail sales: food for home consumption.

That tax shall, instead, remain at 3.5% until and unless subsequently modified by the Benson City Council.

The remainder of Ordinance 601 remains valid and in full force and effect.

2. Any conflicting provisions of the City Code or subsequent amendments thereto now existing, are hereby repealed and of no further force and effect.
3. The City Manager and her designees are authorized to take all steps to effectuate this Ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, May 19, 2020.



TONEY D. KING, SR. Mayor

ATTEST:



VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



MESCH CLARK ROTHSCHILD
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City's Attorney