**ORDINANCE NO:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING \_\_\_\_\_ MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SALES AND USE TAX DEFINITIONS AND EXEMPTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, in SJR14-038 the General Assembly asked the Colorado Municipal League to revive the tax simplification project from the 1990’s to address current systemic problems associated with local tax collection; and

**WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the standard tax definitions project is a major collaborative sales tax simplification initiative by Colorado’s home rule municipalities that locally collect their sales tax and the retail business community; and

**WHEREAS,** Council has determined thatthe City will cooperate in furtherance of a statewide goal to have all locally collecting municipalities agree to use standard definitions in their sales and use tax codes; and

**WHEREAS,** Council has determined that maintaining the local collection of sales and use taxes for the City is of paramount importance to the continued financial strength of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the retail business community desires better uniformity and simplicity when operating in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Council has determined that sales tax revenue is directly tied to how well the City’s retail business community is faring, Council and staff have generally supported the idea that the City should simplify the tax code, without sacrificing revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Council has determined that revenue neutral tax simplification is generally construed as good for business and good for the community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, Council has determined that modification of the City’s sales and use tax exemptions is required in an effort to comply with the Taxpayer Bill of Rights by staying revenue neutral.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, COLORADO**: