



OFFICE OF THE  
MAYOR  
CITY OF SOMERTON

# *Ordinance*

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-014**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOMERTON, ARIZONA, RELATING TO THE PRIVILEGE LICENSE TAX; AMENDING THE CITY TAX CODE BY EXTENDING THE GENERAL RATE OF TAXATION OF THREE POINT THREE PERCENT (3.3%) INDEFINITELY; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; DESIGNATING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR EXISTING CONTRACTS.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somerton adopted Ordinance No. 2010-001 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2010 approving an increase in the general rate of taxation from two and one-half percent (2.5%) to three point three percent (3.3%); and

WHEREAS said Ordinance allowed for the reversion of the general rate of taxation back to two and one-half percent (2.5%) on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Somerton to delete the expiration of the 3.3% privilege license tax and extend said tax indefinitely;

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

**Section 1:** The tax rate in each of the following sections of the City Tax Code will be maintained indefinitely at 3.3%:

Section 8A-405	Advertising.
Section 8A-415	Amusements, exhibitions and similar activities.
Section 8A-416	Construction contracting: construction contractors.
Section 8A-417	Construction contracting: speculative builders

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**Section 2:** Any person found guilty of violating any provision of these amendments to the tax code shall be guilty of a class one misdemeanor. Each day that a violation continues shall be a separate offense punishable as hereinabove described.

**Section 3:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance or any part of these amendments to the tax code adopted herein by reference is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Somerton, Arizona, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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Martin Porchas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bill Lee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Gerald W. Hunt, City Attorney

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