

CITY OF OWASSO  
RESOLUTION 2014-14

A RESOLUTION STATING INTENT TO REDUCE THE MONTHLY UTILITY FEE IN SECTION 13-236 OF THE OWASSO CODE OF ORDINANCES, CURRENTLY DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, BY \$3 PER MONTH IF THE PROPOSED ONE-HALF CENT INCREASE IN THE SALES TAX IS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2015.

**WHEREAS**, the Owasso City Council approved Resolution 2014-11 on October 21, 2014, calling for an election to be held on January 13, 2015, to propose a sales tax increase of one-half cent from three percent (3%) to three and one-half percent (3.5%), and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed one-half cent sales tax increase would be dedicated for the sole use of the Police, Fire and Street Departments, and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 13-237 of the Owasso Code of Ordinances creates a special revenue fund denoted as the Public Safety Capital Fund which is funded by 41.4% of the seven dollar (\$7) per month utility fee, and,

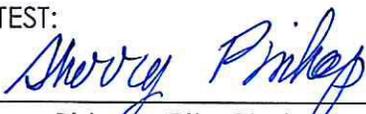
**WHEREAS**, revenues from the Public Safety Capital Fund are utilized equally by the Police and Fire Departments for apparatus, equipment, facility acquisitions, and improvements or repairs to any of the foregoing, and,

**WHEREAS**, if the proposed sales tax increase is approved by the voters at the January 13, 2015, election, additional funding will be available for use by the Police, Fire, and Streets Departments.

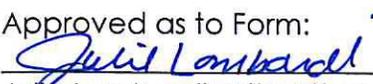
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OWASSO, OKLAHOMA, THAT:** The Council intends to amend the code of ordinances eliminating the Public Safety Capital Fund and reducing the monthly fee by three dollars (\$3) if the proposed one-half cent sales tax increase is approved by the voters at the January 13, 2015, election. Should the proposition not be approved by the voters, no reduction shall be made and the monthly fee shall remain at seven dollars (\$7).

Dated this 4th day of November, 2014.

ATTEST:

  
Sherry Bishop, City Clerk

  
Jeri Moberly, Mayor

Approved as to Form:  
  
Julie Lombardi, City Attorney





APPROVED BY COUNCIL  
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**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Owasso

**FROM:** Sherry Bishop  
Assistant City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 2014-14  
Stating Intent to Reduce the Utility Fee Dedicated to Public Safety

**DATE:** October 31, 2014

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**BACKGROUND:**

Resolution 2014-14 is a statement of the City Council's intent to amend the code of ordinances eliminating the public safety capital fund and reducing the monthly utility fee by \$3, if the proposed ½ cent sales tax increase is approved by voters on January 13.

On October 21, the City Council approved a resolution and an ordinance that, if approved by voters, would increase the sales tax rate in Owasso from 3.0% to 3.5%. Those new funds would be restricted to appropriations for the police, fire, and street departments only.

During the course of discussions surrounding the proposed ½ cent sales tax election, the concept always included the expectation that the new sales tax revenues would replace the current utility fee dedicated to the public safety capital fund and the current utility fee would be reduced by \$3 per month.

Within the Owasso Code of Ordinances, Part 13, Public Safety; Chapter 2, Fire Department; Article C, Ambulance Service; Section 13-236 establishes a \$7 per month fee for water or sewer customers inside the city limits. Section 13-237 establishes the Ambulance Service Fund, the Ambulance Capital Fund, and the Public Safety Capital Fund and defines the percentage of monies from that fee to each fund.

Currently, ordinances distribute the \$7 fee as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ambulance Service Fund	50.0%	\$3.50
Ambulance Capital Fund	8.6%	\$0.60
Public Safety Capital Fund	41.4%	\$2.90

Elimination of the Public Safety Capital Fund and reduction of the fee by \$3 would leave \$4 to divide between the Ambulance Service Fund and the Ambulance Capital Fund.

If the proposition for the sales tax increase is approved by the voters on January 13, 2015, an ordinance amending Sections 13-236 and 13-237 would be presented for Council consideration to become effective April 1, the same date as the sales tax increase.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2014-14

**ATTACHMENT:**

Resolution 2014-14