RESOLUTION 2023-10

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE TRANSIENT ROOM TAX FUND ADVERTISING REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon Revised Statutes provide for the expenditure of lodging tax revenues to be spent on promotional advertising and marketing to increase tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Garibaldi Budget Committee has approved a budget for FY 2023-2024 to support a program that provides a shared-cost reimbursement for advertising purchased by local businesses that promote the City of Garibaldi as a tourist destination; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2022-06 re-established administrative guidelines for processing advertising reimbursement requests from the public and that resolution expires June 30, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARIBALDI RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Program, The Advertising Reimbursement Program is hereby established for the purpose of subsidizing businesses and organizations in the cost of advertising that is reasonably expected to generate overnight, non-resident occupancy within Garibaldi. This program is funded through the Transient Room Tax fund, and all encumbrances associated with this program are to be within amounts as approved and adopted for the FY 2023-2024 City of Garibaldi Budget.

Section 2. Committee. A sub-committee ("committee") consisting of the mayor, or a delegated Council member and City Manager will review all requests as submitted to the City of Garibaldi for reimbursement through this program and approve requests that qualify under the policies and procedures outlined in this resolution.

Section 3. Applicant. Any group or individual ("applicant") may request that the city pay for committee-approved advertising. An applicant may qualify for reimbursement through this program provided they; 1) are a licensed business in the City of Garibaldi; or 2) a non-profit organization, including but not limited to civic and governmental entities, that operates, or has a primary interest, in Garibaldi.

Section 4. Advertising. Qualifying advertising includes print, radio, televised, or internet advertising, and can include any marketing materials such as brochures, posters, fliers, websites, etc.... for the committee to determine that submitted advertising qualifies for reimbursement it must; 1) promote the City of Garibaldi as a destination; and 2) be likely to generate over-night occupancy within the City of Garibaldi or be for the promotion of special events sponsored by non-profit organizations; and 3) be completely paid for by the applicant; and 4) be published, aired, online or otherwise implemented by whatever means is appropriate

for such form of advertising prior to receiving a reimbursement request.

Section 5. Submissions. Any request for advertising reimbursement should be made in writing and must include a form attached to this document as **Exhibit A**. Sufficient documentation of the advertising (i.e. audio or video recording, tear-sheet, brochure, website address and printouts); copy of the invoice, bill or agreement that provides sufficient information to determine what services were paid for; and a proof of payment of the advertising (i.e. canceled check or receipt), must be included with the submission. Deadlines for submissions are 5:00 p.m. June 30, 2023, 5:00 p.m. September 30, 2023, 5:00 p.m. December 31, 2023 and 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2024.

Section 6. Approval. The committee will review all requests made on a quarterly basis for completeness and compliance with the criteria of this resolution. The committee will approve reimbursement of each qualifying submission for up to one-half of the applicant's total advertising cost. Approved requests will be entered into the City's payment cycle and paid within 45-days of approval. The committee has full authority for determining whether a request will be reimbursed up to one-half or less based upon available funds and the total amount requested through all submissions. No requests will be accepted after March 31, 2024, for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Section 7. Indemnification. Applicants agree to defend, indemnify, protect, and hold harmless the City from and against any suit, administrative proceedings, claims, damages, or liability that may arise from the procedures outlined in this resolution. The City's name will not appear on any advertising contracts and the City will only reimburse the approved amount to the applicant. Any unreported or unpaid charges, fees, penalties, or interest are the responsibility of the applicant and not of the city.

Section 8. Expiration. This Resolution expires June 30, 2024.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, June 20, 2023.

Hon. Tim Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jay Marugg, City Manager Pro Tem

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