

## RESOLUTION

Determining to submit to the electors of Hamilton County the question of levying an excise tax on the sale of cigarettes for the purpose of funding arts and cultural facilities and programs in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

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WHEREAS, under authority of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, adopted on \_\_\_\_\_, and T.C.A. Section \_\_\_\_\_, the Hamilton County Arts and Cultural District was formed.

WHEREAS, the purposes of the Hamilton County Arts and Cultural District (now named "Hamilton Arts and Culture") are: (i) to make grants to support the operational expenses of arts or cultural organizations and community arts and culture projects located in Hamilton County so as to provide a secure source of county public sector funding in support of the operations, programs and services of the County's arts and culture sector; (ii) to meet the operating expenses of the Hamilton Arts and Culture, and (iii) consistent with the foregoing, to provide grant programs to improve the quality of life, economy, workforce and educational opportunities in Hamilton County.

WHEREAS, T.C.A. Section \_\_\_\_\_ authorizes the Hamilton County Commission, subject to the approval of a majority of the electors in Hamilton County voting on the question, to levy a tax for a period of up to 10 years on the sale of cigarettes at wholesale in Hamilton County at a rate of up to 10 mills per cigarette (amounting to 1 cent per cigarette).

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Commission has determined to submit to the electors at the general election to be held in the County on August 4, 2016 the question of levying the tax permitted as more particularly described in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hamilton County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Tennessee, that:

**Section 1:** This County Commission determines to submit to the electors of Hamilton County at the general election on August 4, 2016 the question of the levy of a tax on the sale of cigarettes at wholesale in the County at the rate of 10 mills per cigarette (amounting to 1 cents per cigarette), computed on each cigarette sold, for a period of 10 years, beginning January 1, 2017 (but no sooner than the first day of the month that is at least 60 days after certification of the election results by the Hamilton County Board of Elections), for the following purposes: to make grants to support the operational expenses of arts or cultural organizations located in Hamilton County, to defray the costs of administering or maintaining, any artistic or cultural facility and to meet the operating expenses of the Hamilton County Arts District.

**Section 2:** The Clerk of the Hamilton County Commission is directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Hamilton County Board of Elections not later than May 4, 2016 and also to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution immediately to the Tax Commissioner of the State of Tennessee. The Hamilton County Commission requests the Hamilton County Board of Elections prepare the ballot and to make other necessary arrangements for the submission of the question of levying the tax to the electors of Hamilton County. This Board further requests the Hamilton County Board of Elections to give notice of the result of the election, as soon as it has been determined, to the Tax Commissioner of the State of Tennessee and, in any event, to give notice of the result of the election to the Tax Commissioner of the State of Tennessee not later than 60 days prior to the date the tax is to become effective.

**Section 3:** The form of ballot to be used at the election shall be as follows:

**HAMILTON ARTS AND CULTURE  
HAMILTON COUNTY  
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

For the purposes of making grants available to support operating of arts or cultural organizations and community arts and culture projects in Hamilton County, and to meet the operating expenses of Hamilton Arts and Culture, shall an excise tax be levied throughout Hamilton County for the benefit of Hamilton Arts and Culture on the sale of cigarettes at wholesale at the rate of 10 mills per cigarette (amounting to 1 cent per cigarette) for 10 years?

For the tax

Against the tax