NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL LEGISLATION

Notice is given that there will be introduced at the 2024 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia a bill to authorize the governing authority of the City of Bainbridge to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; and for other purposes.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1. To authorize the governing authority of the City of Bainbridge to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A., to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations, to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA.
SECTION 1.

Pursuant to the authority of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A., the governing authority of the City of Bainbridge is authorized to levy an excise tax at a rate not to exceed 8 percent of the charge for the furnishhing for value to the public of any room or rooms, lodgings, or accommodations furnished by any person or legal entity licensed by, or required to pay business or occupation taxes to the municipality for operating a hotel, motel, inn, lodge, tourist camp, tourist cabin, campground, or any other place in which rooms, lodgings, or accommodations are regularly or periodically furnished for value.
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SECTION 2.
The enactment of this Act is subsequent to the adoption of a resolution of the governing authority of the City of Bainbridge on October 17, 2023, which specifies the subsequent tax rate, identifies the projects or tourism product development purposes, and specifies the allocation of proceeds

SECTION 3.
In accordance with the terms of such resolution adopted by the mayor and council of the City of Bainbridge: (1) in each fiscal year during which a tax is collected pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A., an amount equal to not less than 50 percent of the total amount of taxes collected that exceeds the amount of taxes that would be collected at the rate of 5 percent shall be expended for promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows by the destination, marketing organization designated by the City of Bainbridge or by such other entity already authorized to administer tourism funds pursuant to existing contract as specified in paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A., and (2) The remaining amount of taxes collected that exceeds the amount of taxes that would be collected at the rate of 5 percent which is not otherwise expended under paragraph (1) of this section shall be expended for tourism product development.

SECTION 4.
All laws and parts of laws in con-f flict with this Act are repealed.

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AFFIDAVIT

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY

I, Joe Campbell, Representative from District 171, state on oath as follows:

(1) I am the author of the local bill to which this affidavit is attached.

(2) In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 28-1-14, the notice requirements for the local bill to which this affidavit is attached have been satisfied, including but not limited to the following:

(A) The Notice of Intention to Introduce Local Legislation which is attached to such local bill was published in the The Post Searchlight, which is the official organ of Decatur County, on the 15th of November, 2023; and

(B) If the local bill amends the charter of a municipality or the enabling Act of the governing authority of a county or consolidated government, then a copy of the Notice of Intention to Introduce Local Legislation was mailed, transmitted by facsimile, or otherwise provided to the governing authority of such municipality, county, or consolidated government:
(i) During the calendar week in which the Notice was published in the official organ; or
(ii) During the seven days immediately following the date of publication of such Notice.

s/ JOE CAMPBELL
Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed at the
State Capitol in Atlanta, Georgia,
This 4th of January, 2024,
Before me:

s/ ROBYN J. UNDERWOOD
Robyn J. Underwood
Notary Public, Henry County, Georgia
My Commission Expires September 27, 2027
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