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of the City voting on the same in the manner prescribed by law, shall replace and supersede Ordinance No. 2007-01, which currently expires on June 30, 2027.

Section 2. Subsisting State Permits. All valid subsisting permits to do business by the Oklahoma Tax Commission pursuant to the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code are, for the purposes of this Ordinance, hereby ratified, confirmed, and adopted in lieu of any requirement for any additional City permit for the same purpose.

Section 3. Purpose of Revenues. It is hereby declared to be the purpose of this Ordinance to provide revenues for capital expenditures, all for the use and benefit of the City and any public trust having the City as beneficiary thereof, and/or for the payment of debt service in connection with obligations heretofore issued or to be issued by the City and any public trust having the City as beneficiary thereof to finance or refinance said capital expenditures and related costs. Capital expenditures shall be interpreted broadly and includes but is not limited to, the construction and equipping of water, wastewater and storm drainage system improvements; animal shelter; public tornado shelter; community center; public safety facilities, vehicles, and equipment; parks and recreation facilities; and/or municipal buildings.

Section 4. Effective Date and No Stated Termination Date. The provisions of this Ordinance and the collection of the excise tax referenced herein shall become effective on and after July 1, 2027, subject to approval by a majority of the qualified electors of the City voting on the same in the manner prescribed by law, and shall have no stated termination date.

Section 5. Tax Rate – Sales Subject to Tax. There is hereby levied an excise tax of one percent (1.0%) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all sales taxable under the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code, including all items listed under the applicable sections of the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code, as such may be amended from time to time.

Section 6. This Tax in Addition to Taxes Currently Levied; Administrative Procedures. The tax levied hereby is in addition to any and all other excise taxes levied or assessed by the City pursuant to existing City Ordinances (the "Existing Ordinances"); provided, however, that those provisions, if any, of said Existing Ordinances relating to Definitions; Tax Collector Defined; Classification of Taxpayers - Permit to Do Business; Subsisting State Permits; the portion of Tax Rate - Sales Subject to Tax, pertaining to Sales Subject to Tax (not rate of Tax); The Provisions of said Existing Ordinances regarding Exemptions and Other Exempt Transfers; The Provisions of said Existing Ordinances regarding Tax Due When--Returns--Records; The portion of said Existing Ordinances regarding tax constituting debt; Vendor's Duty to Collect Tax; Returns and Remittances - Discounts; Interest and Penalties--Delinquency; Waiver of Interest and Penalties; Erroneous Payments--Claim for Refund; Fraudulent Returns; and Records Confidential shall apply to the excise tax levied and assessed by this Ordinance. For purposes of this Ordinance, references in said Existing Ordinances, to specific provisions of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be deemed to be references to said statutory provisions, as amended.

Section 7. Payment of Tax. The tax levied herein shall be paid to the Tax Collector at the time and in the form and manner provided for payment state sales tax under the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code.

Section 8. Provisions Severable. The provisions hereof are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, paragraph, sentence or clause of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or inoperative by any court of competent jurisdiction such decision shall not affect any other section, paragraph, sentence or clause hereof.

Section 9. Amendments. The people of the City of Blanchard, Oklahoma, by their approval of this Ordinance at the election hereinabove provided, hereby authorize the City Council by Ordinances duly enacted to make such administrative and technical changes or additions in the method and manner of administration and enforcement of this Ordinance as may be necessary or proper for efficiency and fairness or in order to make the same consistent with the Oklahoma Sales Tax code, as amended, except that the rate of tax and the termination date of the tax levied hereunder shall not be changed without approval of the qualified electors of the City as provided by law.

Section 10. Provisions Cumulative. The provisions hereof shall be cumulative, and in addition to any and all other taxing provisions of City Ordinances.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

(SEAL) /s/ Michael Scalf, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Audra Scott
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE
OF
CITY COUNCIL ACTION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Blanchard, Oklahoma.

I further certify that the City Council of the City of Blanchard, Oklahoma, held a Regular Meeting at 6:00 o'clock p.m., on June 9, 2026, after due notice was given in full compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

I further certify that attached hereto is a full and complete copy of Ordinance No. 862 that was passed and approved by said City Council at said meeting as the same appears in the official records of my office. I further certify that below is listed those Councilmembers present and absent at said meeting; those making and seconding the motion that said Ordinance be passed and approved, and those voting for and against such motion:

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Scalf, Jr., Chuck Kemper, Ben Whitt, Christina Short, and Brandon Allee

ABSENT: None

MOTION MADE BY: Chuck Kemper

MOTION SECONDED BY: Brandon Allee

AYE: Mayor Michael Scalf, Jr., Chuck Kemper, Ben Whitt, Christina Short, and Brandon Allee

NAY: None

WITNESS MY HAND THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

CITY OF BLANCHARD, OKLAHOMA

(SEAL) By: /s/ Audra Scott
City Clerk

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This honor reflects the dedication and hard work of our staff in producing a high-quality publication for our community. We are grateful for this recognition and extend our sincere thanks to you – our readers – for trusting us to keep you informed.

Over the coming year, we will proudly display the 2025 award-winning emblem, a symbol of our continued commitment to excellence and service to our community.

