

CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA
ORDINANCE NO. 22- 08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX RATE; PROVIDING FOR INTENT; PROVIDING FOR LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX RATE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 202, §202.19(2), Florida Statutes, municipalities may levy a local communications service tax on voice, data, audio, video, or any other information or signals transmitted by any medium; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously authorized the imposition of a local communications service tax below the maximum rate of 5.1%.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX RATE.

The City of Bonita Springs hereby extends its local communications services tax rate effective January 1, 2023 as provided in §202.19(2)(a), Florida Statutes, to a tax rate of 3.61 %, which is below the maximum tax rate of 5.1% for municipalities that choose not to levy permit fees (reflective of a base rate of 3.49% plus the additional 0.12% add-on provided by §202.19(2)(c), F.S.).

SECTION 2. NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

The City of Bonita Springs directs that notice of the increased local communications services tax rate be provided to the Department of Revenue by providing a copy of this ordinance, along with DOR Form DR-700021, postmarked on or before September 1, 2022, as provided in §202.21, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.



The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance but shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

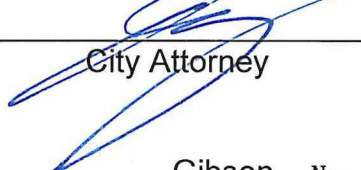
SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be upon adoption, with the effective date of the tax increase commencing on billing after January 1, 2023.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Bonita Springs, Lee County, Florida, this 17th day of August 2022.

AUTHENTICATION:

 Mayor  City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
City Attorney

Vote:

Carr	Aye	Gibson	Nay
Purdon	Nay	Quaremba	Aye
Forbes	Aye	Steinmeyer	Nay
Corrie	Aye		

Date filed with City Clerk: 8/17/2022