

ENOCH CITY COUNCIL NOTICE AND AGENDA

July 15, 2026 at 6:00pm

City Council Chambers City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road

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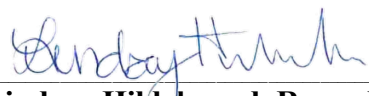
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1. **CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**
 - a. **Pledge of Allegiance-**
 - b. **Invocation (2 min.)-Audience invited to participate-**
 - c. **Inspirational thought-**
 - d. **Approval of Agenda for July 15, 2026**
 - e. **Approval of Minutes for July 1, 2026**
 - f. **Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda-**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
3. **CONSIDER LIMITATIONS REGARDING 24TH OF JULY FIREWORKS**
4. **CONSIDER JOINING THE SOUTHERN UTAH ECONOMIC ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP**
5. **CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07-15, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TRANSIENT ROOM TAX**
6. **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT**
7. **CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: THE CHARACTER, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING; PENDING OR REASONABLY IMMINENT LITIGATION, THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING ANY FORM OF WATER RIGHTS OR WATER SHARES; DEPLOYMENT OF SECURITY PERSONNEL, DEVICES OR SYSTEMS; INVESTIGATIVE PROCEEDINGS REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT.**
8. **ACTION FROM CLOSED MEETING**
9. **ADJOURN**

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CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY

I certify that a copy of the foregoing "Notice and Agenda" was delivered to each member of the City Council, posted on the Enoch City website, on the City Office entrance, and published on the Utah Public Meeting Notice website on 07/10/2026.


Lindsay Hildebrand, Recorder

07/10/2026

Date

MINUTES
ENOCH CITY COUNCIL
July 1, 2026 at 6:00pm
City Council Chambers
City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jim Rushton
Council Member David Harris -excused
Council Member Shawn Stoor -excused
Council Member Debra Ley
Council Member Kimberlee Trower
Council Member Jacob Miner

STAFF PRESENT:

Ryan Robinson, City Manager
Ashley Horton, Treasurer
Lindsay Hildebrand, Recorder-excused
Jackson Ames, Police Chief
Hayden White, P. Works Director
Mindy Kropf, Admin/P. Tech

Public Present: Jonathan Wilson, Todd Brightwell, Nicole Black, Jen Wakeland, Delaine Finlay, and Danny Stewart

1. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance- led by Council Member Trower**
- b. **Invocation (2 min.)-Audience invited to participate- Given by Council Member Trower**
- c. **Inspirational thought- Given by Council Member Ley**
- d. **Approval of Agenda for July 1, 2026 - Council Member Ley made a motion to approve agenda Council Member Miner seconded and all voted in favor.**
- e. **Approval of Minutes for June 17, 2026 - Council Member Trower made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Miner seconded and all voted in favor.**
- f. **Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda- None stated**

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Rushton reminded everyone that anything voted on tonight would have to be unanimous.

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION Todd Brightwell with the Southern Utah Economic Alliance.

Todd Brightwell of the Southern Utah Economic Alliance (SUEA) presented to the Council, accompanied by colleagues Nicole Black and Jen Wake from the SUEA, Danny Stewart from Utah Inland Port, and Colette Cox from the Governor's Office of Economic Development, who participated by phone.

Mr. Brightwell explained that the SUEA is a 5-county nonprofit public-private organization (501(c)(6)) encompassing Washington, Iron, Beaver, Kane, and Garfield Counties. The organization evolved from a Washington County economic development group with over 30 years of history and was expanded to build a stronger regional voice for Southern Utah. Its mission is to drive sustainable economic growth through data-driven strategies, regional collaboration, and proactive business support. Funding comes from

three sources: private sector memberships, public sector municipalities and counties, and state grants.

Mr. Brightwell described the organization's governance structure, which consists of an executive committee drawn from regional business and government leaders, a broader board of directors in which each member entity holds a seat, and select committees focused on specific issues such as workforce development, housing, infrastructure, and industry opportunities. He noted that the workforce select committee, which has already convened once, includes presidents from SUU, Utah Tech, Southwest Tech, and Dixie Tech, as well as USU Extension, and is aimed at creating efficiencies among the more than 20 entities that currently claim a role in workforce development.

Regarding Enoch City specifically, Mr. Brightwell shared that the SUEA conducted an initial assessment reviewing planning documents, zoning and land use, and infrastructure data. Key findings included that the City is entering a significant growth phase, with ongoing subdivision and annexation activity, and that leadership desires economic growth without sacrificing the City's rural character. He noted that current growth has been predominantly residential, with limited commercial and industrial recruitment activity.

Mr. Brightwell outlined opportunities he saw for Enoch, including development of a business park, small and medium manufacturing (building parts, outdoor products, metal fabrication), and aerospace and advanced air mobility — a sector the Governor has prioritized, with Utah being one of eight states selected for federal grant funding to advance infrastructure, testing, and development in this industry. He mentioned that AMPACT, located nearby, provides approximately 70 percent of the world's rocket fuel, and highlighted a Saint George company developing fire-suppression drones as examples of existing regional aerospace capability that could attract additional companies to Enoch. Mr. Brightwell proposed a three-phase engagement plan: Phase 1: a site inventory of available land, ownership, zoning, and utilities; Phase 2: an economic opportunity assessment identifying target industries, infrastructure needs, and grant opportunities; and Phase 3: an economic development road map with prioritized projects, recruitment targets, and a tracking system.

Council Member Ley raised a concern about maintaining agricultural balance alongside business growth, expressing that large corporations are often less community-friendly than the small businesses that have historically supported Enoch. Mr. Brightwell affirmed that the SUEA's role is to understand and reflect the community's values, not to impose a development direction, and that agriculture and agricultural technology could certainly be incorporated into an economic development strategy if that is the community's priority. Danny Stewart echoed this sentiment, sharing an example of working with a New Castle greenhouse operation interested in transitioning to large-scale food production, and noted that ag-tech is a growing trend he actively pursues.

City Manager Ryan Robinson highlighted that the SUEA's process would help the City identify specific zoning areas appropriate for commercial or industrial uses, rather than piecemeal development pressure, thereby giving agricultural landowners and residents more certainty about where growth is directed. Council Member Trower noted that a regional approach would help Enoch be seen as part of Southern Utah's economic landscape rather than overlooked between Nephi and Washington County.

Colette Cox, participating by phone, described two immediate grant opportunities: the Rural County Grant (\$200,000 annually to Iron County, accessible by Enoch through the CEO Board), and the Rural Communities Opportunity Grant, for which Enoch had already received funding and could reapply for additional infrastructure, industrial, or

workforce development projects. She also noted potential coordination with tourism, the Department of Recreation, and the federal Economic Development Administration.

The Board membership fee is \$10,000 annually, a single flat rate for all member entities. City Manager Robinson clarified that the intent of this presentation was to introduce the SUEA to the Council and that a formal action item authorizing membership would be brought to a future meeting.

4. CONSIDER BOOTS FREI DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Mayor Rushton indicated that the development agreement had been under discussion and review for some time and that the Council was near final agreement with the developer on all terms. City Attorney Justin Wayment identified one sentence in Section 10(b)(i) of the agreement, concerning the process for modifying the master development plan, that required clarification. The sentence addressed transfers of density between parts of a project, stating that such transfers shall be considered an administrative amendment "except where a transfer of density is tied to or included with a substantial amendment." Attorney Wayment noted that the sentence was internally circular in its current form and did not clearly distinguish between the two types of amendments; he recommended the language be cleaned up to better reflect the intent.

Attorney Wayment confirmed that the distinction being drawn is between administrative modifications, minor adjustments handled at the staff level, and substantial amendments requiring action by the legislative body. He also clarified that the agreement cannot legally bind a future council to extend the same density patterns to any property acquired beyond the current agreement's boundaries; such decisions would need to be addressed legislatively at that time.

Council Member Ley raised a question about Section 12 concerning the donation of 25 acres of land, specifically whether the agreement obligated the developer to make any improvements to the land. Attorney Wayment and the Mayor noted that while the developer had expressed willingness to work with the City on certain matters, the 25-acre donation itself, valued at approximately \$3 million, was the primary commitment, and the agreement does not bind the developer to specific improvements. It was noted that the donation would occur within five years, providing time for the City to develop plans. Council Member Jacob Miner noted that this arrangement was preferable to managing numerous smaller pocket parks and that having land in hand would facilitate future grant applications. City Manager Robinson added that infrastructure including pressurized irrigation pipelines would extend to the end of the property per the developer's agreement with the City's Public Works Director.

The Council agreed to approve the agreement subject to the attorneys clarifying the language in Section 10(b)(i), with the expectation that the clarified language would be presented for confirmation.

Council Member Miner made a motion to approve the Boots Frei Development Agreement. Council Member Trower seconded and a roll call vote was held as follows:

Council Member Ley: Yes

Council Member Trower: Yes

Council Member Miner: Yes

Council Member Harris: Absent

Council Member Stoor: Absent

5. DISCUSS FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT

City Treasurer Ashley Horton presented the annual Fraud Risk Assessment, which the state requires municipalities to submit each year. The assessment uses a point-based scoring system to evaluate the risk of fraud within the organization. Enoch City scored 335 points, placing it in the low-risk category.

Treasurer Horton explained that several questions on the assessment relate to separation of duties, which is inherently challenging for a small city. Mitigating controls are in place, such as multi-step review processes for checks and disbursements. She noted the City conducts an annual external audit performed by Kimberlee and Roberts out of Richfield, who review the City's books over the course of a week.

Council Member Miner asked about three specific areas where the City's score could be improved: having a CPA on staff, establishing a formal internal audit committee, and having governing body members complete fraud prevention training. Treasurer Horton noted that while a CPA designation is favored by the assessment, many of its duties are not directly applicable to municipal finance, and that other certifications may be more beneficial. She noted she has been tracking training hours toward relevant certifications. Attorney Wayment indicated that most small cities and towns he represents do not check the audit committee box, as it is simply not financially feasible, and suggested that the presence of a Council Member with financial credentials, such as Council Member David Harris, might satisfy that criterion. It was noted that no state penalties are associated with a lower score; the assessment is primarily a self-evaluation tool to guide improvement.

6. DISCUSS FIREWORKS FOR THE 24TH

The Mayor reported that a letter had been sent to the state regarding the City's fireworks policy for the Fourth of July, meeting the required deadline. Under the Governor's emergency order, personal fireworks were strongly discouraged statewide due to extreme fire danger. The order gave municipalities the option to designate limited areas where fireworks would be permitted; Enoch City designated the City Hall grounds as the sole approved location. The area was being prepared by Public Works, including weed trimming, wetting down the grass, and staging hoses and water barrels.

The discussion then turned to the upcoming Pioneer Day holiday on July 24th. The Mayor expressed concern that if monsoon rains do not arrive before that date, conditions would remain extremely dangerous. The current letter sent to the state addressed both the Fourth and the 24th of July, with the provision that the City would reassess the 24th based on conditions. Attorney Wayment explained the legal background of the Governor's action, noting that Utah is currently experiencing approximately 60 active fires, with firefighting resources strained statewide. He noted that most municipalities he represents have chosen to ban personal fireworks outright, while Enoch chose the middle path of designating a specific area in order to concentrate any fireworks activity rather than push it into uncontrolled locations.

Council Member Ley suggested that an announcement about fireworks restrictions be made at the Fourth of July celebration via the public address system. Council Member Miner noted that Cedar City Fire Department stages personnel in the Enoch area each year, and that substantial coordination and planning among local agencies has already occurred. Chief Jackson Ames confirmed that officers would be on patrol throughout the holiday weekend and that citation authority exists for violations.

Council Member Ley proposed that for future years, the City could consider allowing specific neighborhoods that meet standards for weed abatement and fire safety to apply for approval to conduct community fireworks. The Mayor and City Manager expressed interest in developing an application-based process similar to fire pit permitting used in other communities.

7. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

Chief Jackson Ames (Police Department):

- The department has hired a new administrative assistant, Marissa, who will begin on July 6th.
- Summer patrol activity has increased; a juvenile e-bike accident occurred earlier in the day, resulting in injuries.
- Officers will be on enhanced patrol over the holiday weekend, with hoses staged at City Hall.

Hayden White (Public Works Director):

- Staff have been preparing for the Fourth of July, including staging water trucks and trimming weeds at the City Hall site.
- The City's well is currently drilled to 900 feet; casing installation is expected to begin by the end of the following week, pending material delivery.
- Significant asphalt patching work has been completed throughout the City.
- A new pump station booster — a \$30,000 replacement for a unit that failed two years prior — has been purchased and installed.
- White commended the community for voluntarily shutting off sprinklers during a recent power outage, which significantly aided the City's ability to maintain water pressure with three wells offline.

City Manager Ryan Robinson:

- The 5-County Association of Governments is developing a regional hazard mitigation plan; staff attended a monthly meeting covering risk ranking for wildfires, hail, flooding, and other hazards. The Cottonwood Fire on Beaver Mountain is projected to exceed the total wildfire suppression costs of the past 26 years combined.
- For the Fourth of July, water barrels have been distributed at City Hall, hoses are connected to all buildings, and a county water truck will be stationed nearby during the parade.
- A part-time building inspector position has been posted; two applications were received and one qualified candidate is moving forward.
- UDOT approved funding on the previous Friday for a trail connecting Enoch to the Cedar City skate park area.
- The groundbreaking ceremony for MCM Engineering's new facility took place the prior Thursday; Council Member David Harris represented the City.
- The City's website is being updated; headshots of Council Members and Planning Commission members will be added, with photography coordinated through the Police Department.
- Four or five applications were received for a part-time social media intern position in partnership with Southern Utah University; a candidate will be selected and tasked with creating social media templates and taking community photographs.
- Staff attended the Water Festival the previous Saturday, representing the City with a booth and drawing.
- The City is pursuing presentations from local state legislators — Representative and Senator Vickers — to come before the Council to discuss legislative priorities.
- The City has received two bids, with a third pending, for a permanent dais for the Council chambers; the lower bid received was \$23,000. Screens for Council Members are also being evaluated.
- Staff are developing standards and reporting criteria for organizations that request City funding, to ensure accountability and proper use of appropriated funds.

City Treasurer Ashley Horton:

- Fiscal year-end occurred on June 30th; year-end financial reconciliation is underway.

Permit Tech Mindy Kroph:

- Building department activity is very high. She is pursuing a plans examiner certification to assist the Building Department Director.

Mayor Rushton:

- Reminded the Council and public that the Wings of Death hot wing eating contest will be held on Saturday, July 4th, with wings and sauces provided by Johnny Max and hot dogs provided by Lynn's.
- A flyover by military jets is expected over the Cedar City Airport at approximately 10:55 AM on July 4th.

Council Member Deborah Ley:

- Provided a detailed update on the Fourth of July celebration:
- July 3rd: An evening program beginning at 7:00 PM at the church building near the park, organized by Galen Matheson and his wife. The program will feature Voices of 1776, the Enoch Orchestra, and patriotic music. The building is celebrating its 50th anniversary, having been dedicated on July 4, 1976. Art contest winners will be announced.
- July 4th: Events begin with a 5K run with 91 registered participants ranging in age from 4 to 75. The parade lineup begins at 4:30 PM, featuring community members, children on bicycles, a horse-drawn carriage, and the Cedar High School Band. At 6:00 PM, free hot dogs from Lynn's will be served, with Council Members grilling. At 6:30 PM, a children's eating contest will be held, followed by the Wings of Death contest at 7:00 PM. Other activities include food vendors, the Friends of the Library book and bake sale, a tent with costumed portrayals of Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, and Thomas Jefferson for photos with the Declaration of Independence, a Declaration of Independence recitation contest, a dunk tank, a foam machine, three bounce houses, races, and the Enoch Orchestra.
- The City has 33 volunteers organized for the event.
- July 5th: A community potluck is planned, coinciding with a worldwide fast for peace and religious freedom.

Council Member Jacob Miner:

- The local homeless council is considering conducting a summer Point-in-Time (PIT) count of homeless individuals in Iron County, expected in mid-to-late July. Volunteers interested in participating were encouraged to contact Council Member Miner. He noted that the summer count, while not mandatory, generally yields higher numbers than the mandatory winter count and therefore provides stronger data for grant funding purposes.
- Council Member Miner shared a firsthand account of visiting the Cottonwood Fire area on Beaver Mountain to retrieve trailers. He described the devastation as severe, with melted guardrails and downed power lines, underscoring the extreme fire danger posed by dry conditions even without dense timber, as evidenced by the Milford Flat Fire, one of the largest in state history, which burned primarily through grass and sagebrush.

8. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: THE CHARACTER, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING; PENDING OR REASONABLY IMMINENT LITIGATION, THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING ANY FORM OF WATER RIGHTS OR WATER SHARES; DEPLOYMENT OF SECURITY PERSONNEL, DEVICES OR SYSTEMS; INVESTIGATIVE PROCEEDINGS REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT.

9. ACTION FROM CLOSED MEETING

No action to be taken

10. ADJOURN

CM Ley made motion to adjourn, CM Trower seconded, all in favor

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Lindsay Hildebrand, Recorder

Date

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ENOCH CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO

SUBJECT: Firework & Open Fire Restrictions

FOR CONSIDERATION ON: July 15, 2026

PETITIONER: City Staff

ACTION REQUESTED BY PETITIONER: Discuss any Firework Restrictions for the 24th of July Pioneer Day Celebrations.

REVIEW TYPE: Legislative

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the Independence Day holiday, Enoch City designated City Hall as the only location within the city where personal fireworks were permitted. At that time, Governor Spencer Cox had issued an Executive Order authorizing municipalities to prohibit the use of personal fireworks throughout their jurisdictions due to elevated wildfire conditions. As of the preparation of this staff report, no similar Executive Order has been issued for the July 24 holiday. However, conditions may change prior to the holiday.

Under normal circumstances, Utah Code 53-7-225 limits a municipality's authority to restrict personal fireworks to areas formally designated as "hazardous environmental conditions" (e.g., wildland-urban interface, mountainous or vegetated terrain, areas near canyons and parks); cities may not impose a blanket, citywide ban outside of such designated areas absent an emergency declaration. Governor Cox's June 25, 2026 executive order temporarily expanded the State Forester's authority in response to extreme wildfire conditions, and the State Forester subsequently issued an order making "no fireworks" the statewide default within city limits through July 5, 2026, while still permitting municipalities to designate local safe zones in consultation with fire officials. That emergency authority was time-limited and tied to the acute wildfire conditions; absent a renewed or extended order, the City's fireworks restriction authority reverts to the baseline standard under 53-7-225, confined to designated hazardous environmental conditions areas rather than a general ban.

During the July 1, 2026, City Council meeting, the Council directed staff to place this item on a future agenda to discuss whether the City should again restrict the use of personal fireworks to the City Hall property for the July 24 holiday.

In addition, the Council requested discussion regarding the City's professional fireworks display. Unlike personal fireworks, the City-sponsored display is conducted by a licensed professional fireworks contractor with fire protection personnel from the Cedar City Fire Department on-site throughout the event. The Council may also consider whether current fire conditions warrant canceling the City's professional fireworks display.

GENERAL PLAN REFERENCE:

- N/A

CITY CODE REFERENCE:

- N/A

PUBLIC NOTICE:

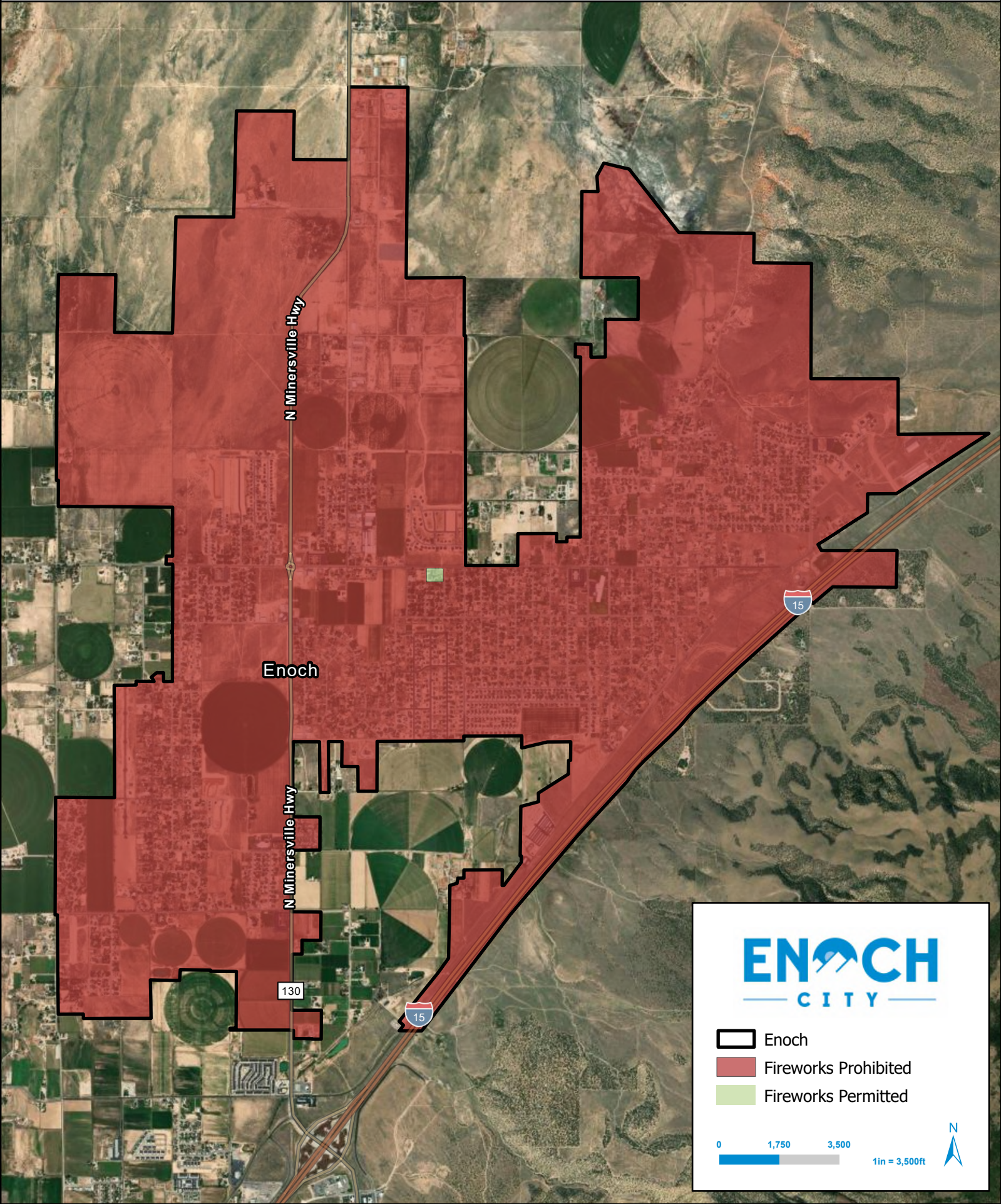
No Public Hearing is required for this agenda item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff previously discussed the option of adopting a resolution designating the City Hall/Police Department property as a permitted location for personal fireworks use. However, given the current conditions, staff believes that refraining from designating a discharge area is the most prudent course of action.

The decision ultimately rests with the City Council. If the Council wishes to designate the City Hall/Police Department property for personal fireworks use, a resolution has been prepared for your consideration.

Enoch Firework Restrictions Map 2026



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07-15

A RESOLUTION REIMPOSING OPEN FIRES AND DESIGNATING FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS TO LIMITED AREAS WITHIN ENOCH CITY, UTAH

WHEREAS Utah Code §10-8-47 empowers municipal legislative bodies to prevent conditions hazardous to public safety, including the regulation and prohibition of fireworks and ignition sources in accordance with Utah Code §53-7-225; and

WHEREAS Utah Code §10-8-84 authorizes Enoch City to pass all resolutions and rules necessary to secure the safety, health, and general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS the local fire official servicing Enoch City, has determined that current hazardous environmental conditions due to a prolonged drought constitute an immediate fire danger within the municipal boundaries of Enoch City, and that there is limited safe places to discharge fireworks; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Utah Code 15A-5-202.5, *et seq.*, a municipality may limit the discharge of fireworks to one or more designated public areas when existing hazardous environmental conditions exist; and

WHEREAS, Enoch City has designated certain areas for the public's use of fireworks within the municipal boundaries of the City; and

WHEREAS the Enoch City Council finds it in the absolute best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens to impose Fire Restrictions and to restrict the use of private fireworks within the municipal boundaries of Enoch City to the Enoch City Public safety and building parking lot and street immediately adjacent to the City Public Building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ENOCH CITY, ENOCH COUNTY, UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Declaration of Emergency Stage 3 Restrictions. Pursuant to the authority granted by Utah Code §§10-8-47, 10-8-84, and 15A-5-202.5, the Enoch City Council hereby declares a restriction on the use of public fireworks to the Enoch City Public Administration Building and Public Safety Building, and imposes a fireworks restrictions across all other areas located within the municipal boundaries of Enoch City except for the area identified herein. An enclosed map is attached to this resolution identifying the fireworks restriction areas. In addition, there is imposed a complete ban of all open fires within the City's municipal boundaries.

Section 2: Prohibited Activities

During the effectiveness of this resolution, it shall be unlawful for any person to carry out the following acts:

1. **Open Fires:** Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fires of any kind, including but not limited to agricultural, recreational, or industrial open burnings and campfires.
2. **Contained Open Fires:** Utilizing stationary masonry or metal fireplaces, wood stoves, or outdoor fireplaces without an approved safety inspection and proper spark arrestor.
3. **Fireworks Restrictions:** The personal use of fireworks permitted by state law except in those areas identified in the attached map.
4. **Ignition Sources:** Cutting, welding, or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation, or utilizing any other ignition source in hazardous environmental areas.

Section 3: Enforcement and Penalty

Every officer charged with enforcement of state and municipal laws within Enoch City, including the Fire Marshal and local law enforcement, is to advise individuals of the restriction on use of fireworks and open fires within City boundaries, and that any person who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly violates this resolution resulting in a fire is recommended by the City to be subject to prosecution under applicable Utah state laws for creating an immediate hazard to public safety.

Section 4: Effective Date, Filing, and Expiration

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. In compliance with Utah law, this final resolution shall be officially deposited in the City Recorder's office, and a public notice shall be posted immediately. These emergency restrictions shall remain in effect until the local fire official certifies that the extreme fire danger has subsided and the City Council explicitly rescinds or downgrades this order by subsequent action

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Enoch City Council of the City of Enoch, Enoch County, State of Utah, 1st day of July, 2026.

Jim Rushton
Enoch City Mayor

Attest:

Lindsay Hildebrand
City Recorder

COUNCIL Vote as Recorded:	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Council Member David Miller	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Shawn Stoor	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Debra Ley	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Jacob Miner	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Kimberlee Trower	_____	_____	_____

ENOCH CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO

SUBJECT: Enoch City Joining the S. Utah Economic Alliance as a Member

FOR CONSIDERATION ON: July 15th, 2026

PETITIONER: City Staff

ACTION REQUESTED BY PETITIONER: Decide to Join the Economic Alliance or not.

REVIEW TYPE: Legislative

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Enoch City has experienced significant residential growth over the past several years through new subdivisions, annexation discussions, infrastructure improvements, and updates to impact fees. As the community continues to grow, the City Council has expressed interest in ensuring that employment opportunities and commercial development keep pace with residential expansion while preserving the community character identified in the City's General Plan.

To assist with this effort, Southern Utah Economic Development completed an initial assessment of Enoch City. Their review included publicly available planning documents, zoning and land use activities, infrastructure planning, and meetings with City leadership to identify strengths, opportunities, and potential strategies for future economic development.

GENERAL PLAN REFERENCE:

- [Enoch City General Plan Pg. 36-37](#)

CITY CODE REFERENCE:

- N/A

PUBLIC NOTICE:

No Public Hearing is required for this agenda item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss and review joining the Southern Utah Economic Alliance.

SOUTHERN UTAH ECONOMIC ALLIANCE (SUEA)

Investor Membership Agreement

This Investor Membership Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into as of _____, 20____ (“Effective Date”), by and between *Southern Utah Economic Alliance, Inc. (“SUEA”)*, a Utah nonprofit corporation, and _____ (“Investor-Member”).

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms of Investor Membership in SUEA and define the relationship between SUEA and the Investor-Member in advancing regional economic development throughout Southern Utah.

SUEA serves as Southern Utah’s regional economic development organization, strengthening the regional economy through collaboration, business recruitment, business expansion, strategic planning, research, advocacy, and partnerships that benefit Southern Utah and its participating communities.

SUEA operates on the principle that regional collaboration creates greater economic opportunity than any one community, organization, or business can achieve independently. Investor-Members collectively support initiatives that strengthen the long-term economic competitiveness of Southern Utah while also benefiting their individual communities and organizations.

2. Investor Membership

Upon execution of this Agreement and payment of the applicable membership investment, the Investor-Member shall become a participating member of SUEA with the rights, privileges, and responsibilities established by SUEA’s governing documents, bylaws, policies, and procedures.

Investor Membership is intended to foster long-term collaboration between SUEA and the Investor-Member in support of regional economic development initiatives.

3. Membership Investment

The annual membership investment is:

\$10,000 per year

Investor Membership shall automatically renew annually unless terminated by either party pursuant to Section 9 of this Agreement.

4. Services Provided to Investor-Members

As part of Investor Membership, SUEA will provide strategic economic development leadership and make available services that may include:

- Site inventory and property readiness assistance
- Economic opportunity assessments
- Proprietary economic data and market research
- Target industry identification and strategy
- Business recruitment support
- Prospect tracking and project pipeline management
- Coordination with the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), Utah Inland Port Authority (UIPA), Economic Development Corporation of Utah (EDCUtah), and other state, regional, and local partners
- Request for Information (RFI) response strategy and support
- Grant identification and support
- Economic development advisory services
- Facilitation of local and regional economic development planning
- Business retention and expansion assistance
- Regional advocacy on issues affecting economic competitiveness
- Access to regional partnerships, initiatives, and collaborative opportunities

SUEA will prioritize activities based upon regional strategic objectives, Board direction, available resources, project timelines, and opportunities that best serve the interests of the region and its Investor-Members.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as guaranteeing any specific economic development outcome, project location, grant award, funding opportunity, or business recruitment success.

5. Investor-Member Benefits and Participation

As an Investor-Member in good standing, the Investor-Member shall receive:

- One designated seat on the SUEA Board of Directors
 - Participation in quarterly Board meetings
 - Eligibility to serve on Select Committees and special working groups established by SUEA
 - Access to member briefings, reports, and proprietary information, as appropriate
 - Opportunities to participate in regional initiatives, strategic planning efforts, and special projects
 - Collaboration with state, regional, and private-sector economic development partners
 - Voting privileges as established by the SUEA Bylaws
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6. Investor-Member Responsibilities

The Investor-Member agrees to:

- Designate a primary representative and notify SUEA of any changes in representation.
 - Support collaborative regional economic development efforts.
 - Provide information reasonably requested by SUEA to support economic development initiatives.
 - Maintain the confidentiality of sensitive business information, prospect information, and proprietary materials received through Investor Membership.
 - Comply with SUEA's Policies and Procedures.
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7. Confidentiality

Economic development projects frequently involve confidential business information, site selection activities, proprietary research, and non-public information.

The Investor-Member acknowledges the importance of protecting confidential information and agrees to comply with the Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement attached as **Exhibit A**, which is incorporated herein by reference.

8. Policies and Procedures

The Investor-Member acknowledges receipt of SUEA's Policies and Procedures and agrees to comply with them throughout the term of this Agreement.

SUEA may update its Policies and Procedures from time to time, and such updates shall become effective upon reasonable notice to the Investor-Membership.

9. Term and Termination

This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by both parties.

The Agreement shall automatically renew annually unless either party provides written notice of termination at least **thirty (30) days** prior to the renewal date.

Termination shall not affect obligations relating to confidentiality or other provisions intended to survive termination.

10. Limitation of Liability

SUEA agrees to perform its responsibilities in good faith and in a professional manner consistent with its mission.

While SUEA will use commercially reasonable efforts to advance regional economic development, the Investor-Member acknowledges that economic development activities are influenced by numerous external factors beyond SUEA's control. Accordingly, SUEA makes no guarantee regarding:

- Business recruitment
 - Job creation
 - Capital investment
 - Grant awards
 - Incentive approvals
 - Economic outcomes
 - Project success
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11. General Provisions

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties regarding Investor Membership and supersedes all prior understandings concerning the subject matter herein.

Any amendments to this Agreement shall be made in writing and signed by both parties.

If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Utah.

Signatures

Southern Utah Economic Alliance

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Investor-Member

Organization: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Investor Membership Packet

Included Documents

1. Investor Membership Agreement
 2. **Exhibit A** – Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement
 3. **Exhibit B** – Policies and Procedures
 4. Board Governance & Confidentiality Expectations
 5. Investor-Member Contact & Representative Form (Board Representative, Alternate Representative, Billing Contact, and Primary Economic Development Contact)
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ENOCH CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO

SUBJECT: Transient Room Tax

FOR CONSIDERATION ON: July 15th, 2026

PETITIONER: City Staff

ACTION REQUESTED BY PETITIONER:

REVIEW TYPE:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Utah Code Section 59-12-352 authorizes municipalities to impose a Municipal Transient Room Tax of up to one percent (1%) on charges for accommodations and services subject to taxation under Utah law that are rented for fewer than thirty (30) consecutive days.

The proposed ordinance establishes the City's authority to levy the tax while relying on the Utah State Tax Commission's existing administrative framework. The tax will be collected, administered, and enforced by the Utah State Tax Commission in the same manner as other local option sales taxes, requiring minimal administrative effort by the City.

Although Enoch City currently has limited transient lodging opportunities, the City continues to experience residential and commercial growth and is strategically located along major travel corridors serving Southern Utah. Adoption of the ordinance now ensures that, as hotels, motels, RV parks, campgrounds, short-term rentals, or other qualifying lodging establishments develop within the City, Enoch will be positioned to receive this source of revenue without requiring additional legislative action.

Pursuant to Utah Code Section 59-12-352(4), revenues generated by the Municipal Transient Room Tax may be appropriated for general fund purposes. The City Council will determine the appropriation of these revenues through the annual budget process in accordance with state law and the City's budget priorities.

The State Tax Commission ran an estimate for how much Enoch City would have received if the tax had been enacted last year; that number was roughly \$2,515.

GENERAL PLAN REFERENCE:

- N/A

CITY CODE REFERENCE:

- N/A

PUBLIC NOTICE:

A public hearing is not required for this agenda item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss rather or not to adopt an ordinance imposing a one percent (1.0%) Municipal Transient Room Tax pursuant to Utah Code 59-12-352 and authorize staff to submit the required notification to the Utah State Tax Commission.

Disclaimer: The following analysis has been prepared based on actual historical distributions and uses assumptions to calculate taxable sales for the Municipal TRT tax. It is not intended to be a forecast of future distributions.

Month	County TRT Point of Sale (4.25%) ¹	Municipal TRT Taxable Sales ²	Estimated MTRT ⁶
Sep-25	831	19,563	196
Oct-25	1,236	29,082	291
Nov-25	1,680	39,539	395
Dec-25	647	15,214	152
Jan-26	791	18,614	186
Feb-26	1,221	28,736	287
Mar-26	1,155	27,178	272
Apr-26	991	23,326	233
May-26	2,138	50,299	503
Total	10,691	251,550	2,515

Notes

1. Direct point of sale from County TRT
2. County TRT POS ÷ 4.25%
3. Municipal TRT taxable sales X 1.00% before admin fee and other deductions

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07-15

AN ORDINANCE OF ENOCH CITY, UTAH, IMPOSING A MUNICIPAL TRANSIENT ROOM TAX

WHEREAS, the City Council of Enoch City finds that visitors to the City utilize public infrastructure, parks, trails, recreation facilities, emergency services, and other municipal amenities; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code §59-12-352 authorizes municipalities to impose a transient room tax of up to one percent (1%) upon charges for transient accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the imposition of the tax will provide funding for purposes authorized by Utah law while reducing the burden on local property taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Enoch City, Utah:

Section 1. Title.

This ordinance shall be known as the "Enoch City Transient Room Tax Ordinance."

Section 2. Authority.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Utah Code Title 59, Chapter 12, Part 3, including Section 59-12-352, as amended.

Section 3. Tax Imposed.

A municipal transient room tax of one percent (1.00%) is hereby imposed upon the rent charged for accommodations and services described in Utah Code §59-12-103(1)(i), including accommodations rented for less than thirty (30) consecutive days. Subject to

state law and excluding any exemptions under Utah Code 59-12 et seq.

The tax shall apply to all lodging establishments subject to state law.

Section 4. Administration.

The tax shall be administered, collected, enforced, and remitted by the Utah State Tax Commission in accordance with Utah law and shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

Section 5. Use of Revenue.

Revenue received from the municipal transient room tax shall be expended only for purposes authorized under Utah Code §59-12-352 as amended

Section 6. Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance is determined to be invalid, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as required by law; however, the tax shall become operative on the effective date established by the Utah State Tax Commission following receipt of all required notices. The Recorder shall send the required notice and information to the Utah State Tax Commission

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Enoch City, Utah, this 15th day of July, 2026.

ENOCH CITY

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Approved as to Form: