

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
ORDINANCE 1178**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
AMENDING CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.40.012 TO ADD RETAIL
MARIJUANA, MARIJUANA CONCENTRATES, MARIJUANA PRODUCTS, CIGARETTES,
TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO THE LIST OF SALES SUBJECT
TO A SIX PERCENT SURTAX AND AMENDING 5.40.020 TO ADD DEFINITIONS OF EACH**

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova, Alaska (“City”) is currently facing financial challenges and budgeting concerns; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City’s best interest to generate revenue to support the many valuable entities that citizens have urged the City to support such as the Cordova Community Medical Center Authority, the Cordova Public School District, the Cordova Family Resource Center, the Cordova Chamber of Commerce, the Ski Hill, Prince William Sound College and others; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City’s best interest to generate revenue to support the valuable services the City provides its citizens, residents, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a surtax on marijuana, marijuana products, cigarettes, tobacco products, and alcoholic beverages would provide the additional revenues to meet the needs of these supported entities and the needs of the City’s population and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska that:

Section 1. Cordova Municipal Code section 5.40.012 - Surtax levied on certain sales, services and rents, is amended to read as follows:

A. ~~Effective August 1, 1999, in~~ **In** addition to any and all other taxes and charges, there shall be levied a surtax **of six percent** ~~equal to one hundred percent of the tax levied under Section 5.40.010 on the following sales~~ **prices, charges for** services, and rents **collected**:

~~**1B.**~~ Public accommodation services; ~~and~~

~~**2C.**~~ Motor vehicle rentals, excluding watercraft;

3. Retail marijuana, marijuana concentrates, and marijuana products;

4. Retail cigarettes and tobacco products; and

5. Retail alcoholic beverages.

Section 2. Cordova Municipal Code section 5.40.020 – Definitions, is amended by adding the following:

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J. “Marijuana” shall have the meaning given in Section 8.40.020.

K. “Marijuana concentrate” shall have the meaning given in Section 8.40.020.

L. “Marijuana products” shall have the meaning given in Section 8.40.020.

M. “Cigarette” means a roll for smoking of any size or shape, made wholly or partly of tobacco, whether the tobacco is flavored, adulterated, or mixed with another ingredient, if the wrapper or cover of the roll is made of paper or a material other than tobacco.

N. “Tobacco product” means

1. a cigar;

2. a cheroot;

3. a stogie;

4. a perique;

5. snuff and snuff flour;

6. smoking tobacco, including granulated, plug-cut, crimp-cut, ready-rubbed, and any form of tobacco suitable for smoking in a pipe or cigarette;

7. chewing tobacco, including cavendish, twist, plug, scrap, and tobacco suitable for chewing; or

8. an article or product made of tobacco or a tobacco substitute, but not including a cigarette as defined in Section 5.40.020.M.

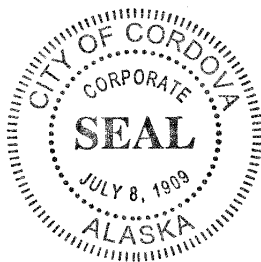
O. “Alcoholic beverage” shall have the meaning given in Section 6.12.010.A.

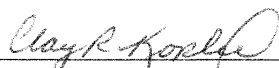
Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and publication. This ordinance shall be enacted in accordance with Section 2.13 of the Charter of the City of Cordova, Alaska, and published within ten (10) days after its passage.

1st reading: November 20, 2019


2nd reading and public hearing: December 4, 2019

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019.




Clay R. Koplín, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

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