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Public Hearing

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TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
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FROM: Jeffrey J. Newton, County Attorney *JAN*
Lila I. McHenry, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Contact: (407) 836-7320 *LMH*

DATE: March 28, 2016

RE: Public Hearing for Board Meeting on April 5, 2016
An Ordinance Pertaining to Taxation in Orange County, Florida
Amending Article IV of Chapter 25 of the Orange County Code Section
25-140 Tourist Development Plan for an Assurance of Funding for the
Copa America Centenario, and Providing for an effective date

I. EXPLANATION & SUMMARY:

The United States Soccer Federation recently secured the right to host Copa America Centenario soccer games among South, Central and North American teams in the United States for the summer of 2016. Orlando was selected to host at least two games.

On December 10, 2015, the Orange County Tourist Development Council approved a request by the Central Florida Sports Commission ("CFSC") for Tourist Development Tax funding to provide an assurance of funding for up to three Copa America Centenario 2016 soccer matches to be held in the Citrus Bowl in June, 2016 (collectively, the "Copa Games"). The attached ordinance adds a twenty-fourth priority of the Tourist Development Plan to provide an assurance of funding to offset operating deficits associated with the hosting of at least two Copa America Centenario 2016 soccer games at the Citrus Bowl in an amount not to exceed four hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$475,000.00) pursuant to the terms of a funding assurance agreement.

The funding assurance agreement has been placed on the consent agenda for the meeting of April 5, 2016 and will be pulled for consideration after the public hearing on the ordinance.

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Re: Public Hearing (April 5, 2016)

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an Assurance of Funding for the Copa America Centenario

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II. ACTION REQUESTED: **Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining To
Taxation In Orange County, Florida;
Amending Article IV Of Chapter 25 Of The
Orange County Code Section 25-140, Tourist
Development Plan; Authorizing Funding To
The Central Florida Sports Commission,
Inc., For An Assurance Of Funding For The
Copa America Centenario 2016 Soccer Games;
Providing For An Effective Date**

Attachment

c: Ajit Lalchandani, County Administrator
Jeffrey J. Newton, County Attorney
Eric Gassman, Deputy County Administrator
Fred Winterkamp, Manager, Fiscal and Business Services Division

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-__

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO TAXATION IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CODE SECTION 25-140, TOURIST DEVELOPMENT PLAN; AUTHORIZING FUNDING TO THE CENTRAL FLORIDA SPORTS COMMISSION, INC., FOR AN ASSURANCE OF FUNDING FOR THE COPA AMERICA CENTENARIO 2016 SOCCER GAMES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY:

Section 1. Chapter 25, Article IV, Section 25-140 of the Orange County Code, is hereby amended, with such amendments being indicated below in Section 2 with the new text being underlined and the deleted text being struck through.

Section 2. Amendments to Section 25-140, Chapter 25, Article IV. Section 25-140, Tourist Development Plan, Chapter 25, Article IV of the Orange County Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 25-140. - Tourist development plan.

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(24) *Twenty-fourth priority.* The twenty-fourth priority of the plan is to provide an assurance of funding to offset operating deficits associated with the hosting of at least two Copa America Centenario 2016 soccer games at the Citrus Bowl in an amount not to exceed four hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$475,000.00) pursuant to the terms of a funding assurance agreement approved by the board of county commissioners.

~~(2425)~~ *Amendments to plan.* The above and foregoing tourist development plan may not be amended except by ordinance enacted by an affirmative vote of a majority plus one (1) additional member of the board of county commissioners.

