

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

The 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

No. 43195-051225.

AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Chapter 32, Taxation, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979) as amended, by amending Section 32-284, Levy of tax; amount, Article XIV, Tax on Prepared Food and Beverage, Chapter 32, Taxation, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979) as amended, and adding new Section 32-285.1, Compensation for collection, Article XIV, Tax on Prepared Food and Beverage, Chapter 32, Taxation, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979) as amended, to provide for a limited time increase in the tax rate levied for the food and beverage tax, and to provide a discount to sellers timely paying such tax, respectively; providing for an effective date; and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

WHEREAS, City Council adopted this Ordinance after a public hearing was held on April 21, 2025, that was advertised and scheduled, as required by Section 58.1- 3007, Code of Virginia.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Roanoke as follows:

1. Section 32-284, Levy of tax; amount, Article XIV, Tax on Prepared Food and Beverage, Chapter 32, Taxation, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979) as amended, is amended and reordained as follows:

Sec. 32-284. Levy of tax; amount.

In addition to all other taxes and fees of any kind now or hereafter imposed by law, a tax is hereby levied and imposed on the purchaser of all food sold in the city in or from a restaurant, whether prepared in such restaurant or not and whether consumed on the premises or not, or by a caterer regardless of place of delivery or consumption. The rate of this tax shall be five and one-half (5.50) percent, *provided however that that the rate shall be six and one-half (6.50) of the amount paid for such food for the period of July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2027, at which time the rate will return to five*

*and one-half (5.50) percent.* In the computation of this tax, any fraction of one-half cent (\$0.005) or more shall be treated as one cent (\$0.01).

2. Article XIV, Tax on Prepared Food and Beverage, Chapter 32, Taxation, Code of the City

of Roanoke (1979) as amended, is hereby amended and reordained by the addition of new Section 32-285.1, Compensation for collection, to read and provide as follows:

*Sec. 32-285.1. - Compensation for collection.*

*For the purpose of compensating sellers for the collection of the tax imposed by this article, every seller shall be allowed one and one half (1.5) percent of the amount of the tax due and accounted for in the form of a deduction on the seller's monthly return, provided the amount due is not delinquent at the time of payment and payment is made through the city's online payment platform.*

3. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after July 1, 2025.

4. Pursuant to Section 12 of the Roanoke City Charter, the second reading by title of this Ordinance is hereby dispensed with.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.