

**CITY OF CORTEZ, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE NO. 1350, SERIES 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CORTEZ, COLORADO CODE OF ORDINANCES,  
CONCERNING THE FAMILY RECREATION CENTER SALES TAX**

**WHEREAS**, at an election on November 6, 2001 (the “2001 Election”), the Cortez voters approved an increase in the City-wide sales tax of .55% to be used to help fund the proposed Cortez Family Recreation Center (the “Recreation Sales Tax”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance No. 954, Series 2001, the Cortez City Council amended the Cortez, Colorado Code of Ordinances (the “Code”) to require that the funds received from the Recreation Sales Tax be expended solely for the purposes of constructing, equipping, operating and maintaining the Family Recreation Center, or for the payment of the recreation bonds approved by the voters in the 2001 Election (the “Recreation Bonds”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance No. 954, Series 2001, the Cortez City Council amended the Code to require that the Recreation Sales Tax be imposed commencing on January 1, 2002, and terminating on the earliest permitted date following the payment in full of the Recreation Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation Bonds have been paid in full; and

**WHEREAS**, at an election on April 3, 2018 (the “2018 Election”), the Cortez voters approved a reduction of the Recreation Sales Tax from .55% to .35%, and approved an indefinite extension of the Recreation Sales Tax beyond the payment in full of the Recreation Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to amend the Code to implement the authorization provided by the voters in the 2018 Election by adopting this Ordinance 1350, Series 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL AS  
FOLLOWS:**

CODE AMENDMENT: The Cortez, Colorado Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Article II, Division 1 is amended by the repeal and reenactment of Section 9-13(b) to read as follows:

(b) All revenue received by the city from the recreation sales tax shall be deposited into the family recreation center fund, established pursuant to Article VII, section 6 of the Cortez City Charter. Revenues deposited into the family recreation center fund shall be expended solely for the purpose of constructing, equipping, operating and maintaining the family recreation center.

CODE AMENDMENT: The Cortez, Colorado Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Article II, Division 1 is amended by the repeal of Section 9-13(c) in its entirety:

CODE AMENDMENT: The Cortez, Colorado Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Article II, Division 3, Subdivision II is amended by the repeal and reenactment of Section 9-26(b) to read as follows:

(b) In addition to the base sales tax imposed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, effective January 1, 2026, on all sales thirty-five one-hundredths of one percent shall be added to the selling price.

RECITALS INCORPORATED: The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as conclusions, facts, determinations, and findings by the Cortez City Council.

REPEALER: All orders, bylaws, ordinances, resolutions, policies, and guidelines, of the City, or parts thereof, inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency or conflict.

SEVERABILITY: If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, the intent being that the same are severable.

RECORDING AND AUTHENTICATION: Upon adoption hereof, this Ordinance shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose and shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and the City Clerk.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective upon publication after final passage on second reading.

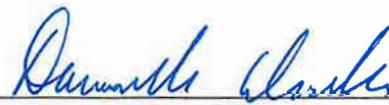
FIRST READING. This ordinance shall be considered first reading on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025, at the hour of 7:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, Cortez, Colorado.

PUBLIC HEARING: This ordinance shall be considered for second or final reading on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, Cortez, Colorado, at which time and place all persons may appear and be heard concerning the same.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OCTOBER, 2025.

CITY OF CORTEZ

ATTEST:

  
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DANIELLE WELLS, CITY CLERK

  
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RACHEL B MEDINA, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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J. PATRICK COLEMAN, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THIS 12<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

CITY OF CORTEZ

ATTEST:

  
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DANIELLE WELLS, CITY CLERK

  
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RACHEL B MEDINA, MAYOR