ORDINANCE NO. 59-99 IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX TO BE CREDITED AGAINST THE STATE TAX FOR PURPOSES OF FINANCING PUBLIC FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the legislature has provided in Enrolled SHB 2260, being Chapter 311, Laws of 1999, for the imposition of a county sales and use tax for the benefit of rural counties; and

WHEREAS, the new law authorizes "distressed counties" as defined in Chapter 366, Laws of 1997, more commonly known as Referendum 49, to impose an additional .04% sales and use tax in addition to the .04% previously authorized and adopted by Ordinance No. 41-98; and

WHEREAS, this additional sales and use tax authorization is taken as a credit against the State portion of the sales and use tax and does not increase the total tax rate; and

WHEREAS, this new revenue may only be used for rural county public facilities to encourage economic development; and

WHEREAS, Mason County will benefit from encouraging further economic development;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Commissioners of Mason County, Ordinance No. 41-98 is hereby amended as follows:

Section I. IMPOSITION OF TAX. Effective August 1, 1999, the rate of the sales and use tax imposed shall be .08 per cent (.08%).

APPROVED this 8 th day of June, 1999. OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Olsen, Chairperson John A. Bolender, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

TO FORM:

Michael Clift, Chief Deputy Prosecutor

c: Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Director