

ORDINANCE NO. O-103-19

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS FOR THE TAX YEAR 2019 PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE; AND, PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID; AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLICATION CLAUSE, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND REPEALING CLAUSE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS:

Section 1. That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Athens, Texas upon all property, real personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation a tax of \$0.680221 on each \$100 valuation of property, said tax being levied and apportioned to the specific purpose herein set forth.

1. For the Maintenance and Operations of the general government (General Fund), a rate of \$0.569312 on each \$100 valuation of property and
2. For Interest and Sinking on debt issued for the support of general government, a rate of \$0.110909 on each \$100 valuation of property.

Section 2. That the Taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2019, and if not paid on or before January 31, 2020, shall become delinquent.

Section 3. All Taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the Tax Assessor Collector of the City of Athens is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such Taxes according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas and ordinances of the City of Athens and shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest, and the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned to the General Fund of the City of Athens. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from the date of the delinquency at the rate as prescribed by Law.

Section 4. The City Secretary of the City of Athens is hereby authorized to publish the caption of this ordinance in the manner and for the length of time prescribed by law.

Section 5. The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and if any sentence, section, or other parts of this ordinance should be found to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, and the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

“THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR’S TAX RATE; “THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 10.47 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$5.36.”

On the following motion by Mayor Monte Montgomery; seconded by Councilmember Gross; I move to approve the first reading of an ordinance adopting a total ad valorem tax rate of \$0.680221.

Mayor Monte Montgomery	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Toni Clay	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Aaron Smith	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Robert Gross	<u>Aye</u>

4 voted in favor of the motion and

0 voted against the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

First reading this the 26th day of August 2019.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this the 9th day of September 2019.

ATTEST:

Monte Montgomery, Mayor

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary