

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-O-123

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 2022 PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE; AND, PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLICATION CLAUSE, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 \$0.566000 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 \$0.458271 on each \$100 valuation of property and
2. For Interest and Sinking on debt issued for the support of general government, a rate of \$0.107729 on each \$100 valuation of property.

Section 2. That the Taxes levied under this Ordinance shall be due October 1, 2022, and if not paid on or before January 31, 2023, 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.

Section 6. Any Ordinance, resolution or order previously passed and/or adopted by the City Council, or any part thereof, if found to be in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be resolved in favor of the terms and conditions of this Ordinance, and any prior conflicting Ordinance, Resolution or order or any part thereof, is hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

“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 6.21 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY -\$81.62.”

On the following motion by Aaron Smith, Mayor Pro Tem; seconded by Councilwoman Freeman; I move to approve the second reading of an Ordinance adopting a total ad valorem tax rate of \$0.566000.

Aaron Smith, Mayor Pro Tem	Aye
SyTanna Freeman, Councilmember	Aye
Mark Carroll, Councilmember	Aye

Voted in favor of the motion	3
Voted against the motion	0
Motion carried	3-0

First reading this the **22nd** day of **AUGUST 2022**.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this the **12th** day of **SEPTEMBER 2022**.

Aaron Smith, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary