

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017- 25**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE TAX RATE AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Bastrop, Texas has on this date, by way of separate Ordinance, duly approved and adopted a Budget for the operation for the City for fiscal year 2017-2018 (FY 2017-2018); and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid Ordinance anticipates and requires the levy of an *ad valorem* tax on all taxable property in the City of Bastrop; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Appraiser of Bastrop County Tax Appraisal District has prepared and certified the appraisal roll for the City of Bastrop, Texas, that roll being that portion of the approved appraisal roll of the Bastrop County Tax Appraisal District which lists property taxable by the City of Bastrop, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to levy such an *ad valorem* tax at a given rate to generate revenues sufficient to meet the projected expenses of the City for FY 2017-2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has fully and timely complied with all notice and other requirements relative to the adoption of a tax rate for FY 2017-2018.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, THAT:**

**Section 1:** There is hereby levied for the FY 2017-2018 upon all real property situated within the corporate limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas, and upon all personal property which was owned within the corporate limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas, on January 1, 2017, except so much thereof as may be exempt by the Constitution or laws of the State of Texas, a total tax of \$0.5640 on each \$100 of assessed valuation on all taxable property, which total tax herein so levied shall consist and be comprised of the following components:

a) An *ad valorem* tax rate of \$0.3643 on each \$100 of assessed valuation of all taxable property is hereby levied for general City purposes and to pay the current operating expenses of the City of Bastrop, Texas, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, which tax, when collected shall be appropriated to and for the credit of the General Fund of the City of Bastrop, Texas.

b) An *ad valorem* tax rate of \$0.1997 on each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property is hereby levied for the purpose of creating an Interest and Sinking Fund with which to pay the interest and principal of the valid bonded indebtedness, and related fees of the City of Bastrop, now outstanding and such tax, when collected, shall be appropriated and deposited in and to the credit of the General Debt Service Fund of the City of Bastrop, Texas, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018.

**Section 2:** The City of Bastrop shall have lien on all taxable property located in the City of Bastrop to secure the payment of taxes, penalty, and interest, and all costs of collection, assessed and levied hereby.

**Section 3:** Taxes are payable in Bastrop, Texas at the Office of the Tax Assessor Collector of Bastrop County. The City shall have available all the rights and remedies provided by law for the enforcement of the collection of taxes levied under this Ordinance.

**Section 4:** The tax roll presented to the City Council, together with any supplements thereto, are hereby accepted and approved.

**Section 5:** Should any paragraph, sentence, provision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance, as a whole, or any part or provision thereof, other than the part or parts adjudged to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional.

**Section 6:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the City Council and publication of its caption as the law and the City Charter provide in such cases.

**Section 7:** All other ordinances and Code provisions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of any such conflict or inconsistency and all other provisions of the Bastrop City Code not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 8:** The repeal of any ordinance or parts thereof by the enactment of this Ordinance, shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance; nor shall it have the effect of discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, nor as affecting any rights of the City under any section or provision of any ordinances at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEARS TAX RATE; AND THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 5.29 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$.30.

**Section 9:** The City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas met in a public meeting on September 26, 2017, and adopted this ordinance with a majority vote as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Schiff	YEA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAY <input type="checkbox"/>	ABSTAIN <input type="checkbox"/>	ABSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Bill Peterson	YEA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAY <input type="checkbox"/>	ABSTAIN <input type="checkbox"/>	ABSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Lyle Nelson	YEA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAY <input type="checkbox"/>	ABSTAIN <input type="checkbox"/>	ABSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Bill Ennis	YEA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAY <input type="checkbox"/>	ABSTAIN <input type="checkbox"/>	ABSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Deborah Jones	YEA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAY <input type="checkbox"/>	ABSTAIN <input type="checkbox"/>	ABSENT <input type="checkbox"/>

READ and APPROVED on First Reading on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

READ and ADOPTED on Second Reading on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.


**APPROVED:**

  
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Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Ann Franklin

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Joseph J. Gorfida, Jr.  
Interim City Attorney