

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR 2016 AT \$0.720000 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS TO PROVIDE REVENUES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND INTEREST AND SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING DUE AND DELINQUENT DATES; PENALTIES AND INTEREST; PROVIDING A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. There be and is hereby levied for the year 2016 on all taxable property, real, personal and mixed, situated within the corporate limits of the City of Deer Park, Texas, and not exempt by the Constitution of the State and valid State laws, a tax of \$0.720000 on each one hundred and no/100 dollars (\$100.00) assessed value of taxable property, and shall be apportioned and distributed as follows: \$0.200057 for interest and sinking fund requirements of the municipal government of the City; and \$0.519943 for maintenance and operations of the municipal government of the City.

SECTION 2. All ad valorem taxes shall become due and payable on October 1, 2016, and all ad valorem taxes for the year 2016 shall become delinquent after January 31, 2017. If any person fails to pay the ad valorem taxes on or before the 31st day of January 2017, the penalties and interest as set forth under Section 33.01 of the Texas State Property Tax Code shall apply.

SECTION 3. Taxes are payable to the City of Deer Park Tax Assessor Collector. 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 rolls as presented to the City Council, together with any supplement thereto are hereby approved.

SECTION 5. An additional twenty percent (20%) is added for attorney fee collection efforts in July as provided under Sections 6.30 and 33.07 of the Texas State Property Tax Code.

SECTION 6. In accordance with the Texas State Property Tax Code, and effective with the passage of the ordinance, there is hereby provided an exemption of \$50,000 on residence homestead property for those who have attained the age of 65 years prior to January 1, 2017.

SECTION 7. That the following statement applies:

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 5.32 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$4.23.

SECTION 8. That any ordinance of the City of Deer Park in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

SECTION 10. The City Council finds that this Ordinance relates to the immediate preservation of the public peace, safety and welfare, in that the City taxes should be collected at the earliest possible moment, since the revenue is needed to continue uninterrupted police, fire and sanitary protection, and to continue the essential services of water supply, garbage and sewage disposal, thereby creating an emergency, for which the Charter requirement providing for the reading of ordinances on three (3) several days should be dispensed with, and this Ordinance shall be passed finally on its introduction; and, accordingly, such requirement is dispensed with, and this Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the City Charter, this Ordinance was introduced before the City Council of the City of Deer Park, Texas, **passed, approved and adopted** on this the ____ day of _____, 2016 **by a vote of** _____ **“Ayes” and** _____ **“Noes”**.

MAYOR, City of Deer Park, Texas

ATTEST:

Acting City Secretary

APPROVED:

City Attorney