

ORDINANCE NO. O-18-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KAUFMAN, TEXAS, LEVYING TAXES AND FIXING AND ADOPTING THE TAX RATE ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR 2023 AT THE RATE OF \$0.7600000 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) ASSESSED VALUE ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KAUFMAN, TEXAS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023; THE SAID TAX RATE HAVING A MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS COMPONENT AND A DEBT SERVICE COMPONENT; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING A DATE TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND A DATE SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID, TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON; PROVIDING FOR REPEALING, SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, Section 26.05 of the Texas Tax Code requires that the City of Kaufman, Texas (the "City"), adopt a tax rate for the 2023-2024 fiscal year by September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code, the Tax Assessor-Collector for the City has calculated the tax rate for the 2023-2024 fiscal year which cannot be exceeded without requisite publication and a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City, in compliance with the State of Texas Truth-in-Taxation laws, has advertised the proposed tax rate and conducted a public hearing on the proposed tax rate, and all notices and hearings and other applicable steps required by law as a prerequisite to the passage, approval, and adoption of this Ordinance have been timely and properly given and held; and

WHEREAS, Section 26.05(a) of the Texas Tax Code provides that the tax rate consists of two components, one of which will impose the amount of taxes needed to pay debt service, and the other of which will impose the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenses for the next year, and each of which must be approved separately; and

WHEREAS, the tax rate set forth herein consists of two components, as required, and they are approved separately; and

WHEREAS, upon full review and consideration of the matter, the City Council is of the opinion that the tax rate for the year 2023 set, fixed and adopted herein below is proper.

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

Section 1. Findings Incorporated. The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Tax Levied. That there is hereby levied and ordered to be assessed and collected an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.7600000 on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for all taxable property located in the City of Kaufman on the 1st day of January 2023, and not exempted from taxation by the constitution and laws of the State of Texas to provide for the expenses of the City of Kaufman for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. The said tax is made up of components, as set forth in this Ordinance:

- a. For the maintenance and support of the General Government (General Fund) for the fiscal year 2023-2024, **\$0.4980153** on each \$100 valuation of property.

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 -1.15 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$18.01.

- b. For debt services for the fiscal year 2023-2024, **\$0.2619847** on each \$100 valuation of property.

THIS TAX RATE WILL DECREASE TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE WHEN COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL DECREASE TAXES PAID FOR DEBT SERVICE ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$25.99.

Section 3. Due Date of Taxes. That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2023, and if not paid on or before January 31, 2024, shall immediately become delinquent. The penalties and interest provided for herein shall accrue after January 31 of the year following the year in which the taxes are assessed. However, if the entire taxes due as provided herein are paid in full by January 31 of the year following the year in which the taxes are assessed, no penalty or interest shall be due.

Section 4. Penalties and Interest. A delinquent tax shall incur the maximum penalty and interest authorized by Section 33.01 of the Texas Property Tax Code, to-wit: a penalty of six percent (6%) of the amount of the tax for the first calendar month it is delinquent, plus one percent (1%) for each additional month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid prior to July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent.

Provided, however, a tax that is delinquent on July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent shall incur a total penalty of twelve percent (12%) of the amount of the delinquent tax without regard to the number of months the tax has been delinquent. A

delinquent tax shall also accrue interest at a rate of one percent (1%) for each month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid. All other penalties and collection remedies authorized by law are hereby adopted. Taxes that are and remain delinquent on July 1, 2024, incur an additional penalty not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the amount of delinquent taxes, penalty, and interest collected; such additional penalty is to defray the costs of collection due to pursuant to the contract with the City's Attorney authorized by Section 6.30 of the Texas Tax Code, as amended.

Section 5. Internet Notice. That the City Manager or his designee shall put the following notice on the homepage of the City's Internet website:

There is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Kaufman for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, upon all property, real, personal, and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, a tax of **\$0.7600000** on each \$100 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

- c. For the maintenance and support of the General Government (General Fund) for the fiscal year 2023-2024, **\$0.4980153** on each \$100 valuation of property.

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 1.15 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$18.01.

- d. For debt services for the fiscal year 2023-2024, **\$0.2619847** on each \$100 valuation of property.

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Section 6. Place of Payment/Collection. Taxes are payable at the office of the Kaufman County Tax Assessor/Collector. The City shall have available all rights and remedies provided by law for the enforcement of the collection of taxes levied under this Ordinance.

Section 7. Tax Roll. The tax roll, as presented to the City Council, together with any supplement thereto, is hereby accepted.

Section 8. Savings/Repealing Clause. All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed; but such repeal shall not abate any pending

prosecution for violation of the repealed Ordinance, nor shall the repeal prevent prosecution from being commenced for any violation if occurring prior to the repeal of the Ordinance. Any remaining portions of conflicting ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. Severability. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. City hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its adoption and publication as required by law after its passage by at least 60% of the Council by a record vote.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Kaufman, Texas, on this 28th day of August, 2023, with the following motion by _____: “I move that the property tax rate be decreased by the adoption of a tax rate of **\$0.7600000** per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 1.15 percent decrease in the tax rate”; seconded by _____, the above and foregoing ordinance was passed and approved by roll call vote.

**JEFF JORDAN
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**JESSIE HANKS
CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**PATRICIA ADAMS
CITY ATTORNEY**