

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL, TEXAS, SETTING THE TAX LEVY OF \$0.251455 FOR THE YEAR 2007 ON ALL TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF TOMBALL, TEXAS; ALLOWING FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, AND FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WHO QUALIFY FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS UNDER THE FEDERAL OLD AGE, SURVIVORS, AND DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY, INTEREST, AND ADDITIONAL PENALTY ON TAXES NOT TIMELY PAID; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, the City Council of the City of Tomball, Texas, is vested with the power to levy, assess and collect an annual tax upon all taxable real and personal property located within the City Limits, and said power allowing for the granting of homestead exemptions for all City of Tomball property owners sixty-five years of age and over or who are disabled; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter of the City of Tomball, this ordinance has been read two (2) times and considered at two (2) sessions of the City Council, and published in the City's official newspaper after the first reading; and

WHEREAS, the Council is required to set a tax rate, expressed as a rate per hundred-dollar valuation of said property, located in the City of Tomball, January 2, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Section 26.05 of the Texas Property Tax Code provides that before the later of September 30th or the 60th day after the date the certified appraisal roll is received by the taxing unit, the governing body of each taxing unit shall adopt a tax rate for the current tax year; and

WHEREAS, such Section further provides that where the tax rate consists of two

components (one which will impose the amount of taxes needed to pay the unit's debt service and the other which will impose the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the unit for the next year), each of the components must be approved separately; and

WHEREAS, the proposed tax rate for the current tax year of the City of Tomball, Texas, consists of two components, a tax rate of fifteen cents (\$0.15000) for the purpose of paying the accruing interest and to provide a sinking fund for payment of the indebtedness of the City, and a tax rate of ten and one thousand four hundred fifty-five ten-thousandths cents (\$0.101455) for the purpose of funding the maintenance and operation expenditures of the City for the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, City Council has approved, by separate motions, the tax rates heretofore specified for each of said components; and

WHEREAS, all notices and hearings required by law as a prerequisite to the passage, approval, and adoption of this Ordinance have been timely and properly given and held;

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

Section 1. The facts and recitations set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed.

Section 2. That said tax levied as aforesaid, based upon valuations established by Harris County Appraisal District, will be sufficient to meet the requirements of the City for the Budget Year 2007-2008.

Section 3. There is hereby levied, for the tax year 2007, to fund the City's fiscal year 2007-2008 municipal budget, an ad valorem tax at the total rate of twenty-five and one thousand

four hundred fifty-five ten-thousandths cents (\$0.251455) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation on all property, real, personal, and mixed, within the corporate limits of the City, upon which an ad valorem tax is authorized by law to be levied by the City of Tomball, Texas. All such taxes shall be assessed and collected in current money of the United States of America.

Section 4. Of such total tax levied in Section 2 hereof, \$0.101455 is levied to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the City for the fiscal year 2007-2008. **THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$5.02.** Of the total tax levied in Section 2 hereof, \$0.15000 is levied for the purpose of paying the interest on bonds, warrants, certificates of obligation, or other lawfully authorized evidence of indebtedness issued by the City of Tomball, Texas, including the various installments of principal due on the serial bonds, warrants, certificates of obligation, or other lawfully authorized evidence of indebtedness issued by the City as such installments shall respectively mature, in the fiscal year 2007-2008, as follows:

GENERAL FUND - TO FUND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY:	\$0.101455
INTEREST & SINKING - FOR DEBT SERVICE:	\$0.150000

With reference to the tax rate of \$0.15000 for the Interest and Sinking Fund for bonded indebtedness, this rate, representing 59.65% of the total \$0.251455 tax, shall apply to the gross amount of current taxes to be collected.

Section 5. All ad valorem taxes levied hereby, in the total amount of \$0.251455 on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation, as reflected by Sections 2 and 3 hereof, shall be due and payable on or before January 31, 2008. All ad valorem taxes due the City of Tomball, Texas, and not paid on or before January 31st following the year for which they were levied, shall

bear penalty and interest, and if not paid before July 1st shall incur an additional penalty of twenty percent (20%), as prescribed in the Texas Property Tax Code. as prescribed in the Texas Tax Code.

Section 6. That said tax levied reflects an allowance of a \$75,000.00 homestead exemption for City of Tomball property owners sixty-five (65) years of age and over, and for those property owners (regardless of age) who qualify for disability benefits under the Federal Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Program administered by the Social Security Administration. An eligible disabled person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or over may not receive the homestead exemption for both qualifying as "65 or over" and "disabled", but may choose either. Each person desiring such exemption shall file an application with the Harris County Appraisal District, such application being in a form and filed at such time as shall be required by law.

Section 7. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 8. If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other provision of this Ordinance.

FIRST READING:

READ, PASSED AND APPROVED AS SET OUT BELOW AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL, HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2007.

COUNCILMAN QUINN	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN LAZENBY	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN WEBB	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN HARVEY	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN DRIVER	<u>AYE</u>

SECOND READING:

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READ, PASSED AND APPROVED AS SET OUT BELOW AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL, HELD ON THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2007.

COUNCILMAN QUINN	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN LAZENBY	<u>ABSENT</u>
COUNCILMAN WEBB	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN HARVEY	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN DRIVER	<u>AYE</u>

(signed) Gretchen Fagan
GRETCHEN FAGAN, MAYOR
City of Tomball

ATTEST:

(signed) Doris Speer
DORIS SPEER, City Secretary
City of Tomball