

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING AND ALLOWING 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 FOR THE YEAR 2008, AND FOR ALL SUBSEQUENT YEARS, UNLESS REVISED BY CITY COUNCIL; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; 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**, the Texas Tax Code, Sec. 11.13, states that taxing units must adopt the amount of homestead exemptions for the 2008 tax year before July 1, 2008; 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 the City Council hereby adopts a \$90,000.00 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 for the tax year 2008 and for all subsequent tax years, unless revised by City Council. 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**Section 3.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 4.** In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Tomball, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

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 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2008.

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:

READ, PASSED AND APPROVED AS SET OUT BELOW AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL, HELD ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2008.

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

*Gretchen Fagan*  
GRETCHEN FAGAN, MAYOR  
City of Tomball

ATTEST:

*Doris Speer*  
DORIS SPEER, City Secretary  
City of Tomball