

ORDINANCE NO. 1912

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT AND RENDITIONS FOR THE 2023 TAXABLE PROPERTY AS SUBMITTED BY THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT; LEVYING A TAX RATE FOR \$100.00 VALUATION FOR THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS FOR THE TAX YEAR 2023 OF \$0.213583 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION, \$0.146495 FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON DEBT OF THE CITY, AND THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF \$0.360078 WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 11.26% INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE; PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TO SECURE PAYMENT OF TAXES DUE THEREON; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 12.82 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY (NEGATIVE) \$-6.93.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Rockport, 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 2023-2024); and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Appraiser of Aransas County Tax Appraisal District has prepared and certified the appraisal roll for the City of Rockport, Texas, that roll being that portion of the approved appraisal roll of the Aransas County Tax Appraisal District which lists property taxable by the City of Rockport, 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 2023-2024; 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 2023-2024.

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

Section 1: There is hereby levied for the FY 2023-2024 upon all real property situated within the corporate limits of the City of Rockport, Texas, and upon all personal property which was owned within the corporate limits of the City of Rockport, Texas, on January 1, 2023, except so much thereof as may be exempt by the Constitution or laws of the State of Texas, a total tax of \$0.360078 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 \$0.213583 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 Rockport, Texas, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, which tax, when collected shall be appropriated to and for the credit of the General Fund of the City of Rockport, Texas.

b) An *ad valorem* tax rate of \$0.146495 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 Rockport, 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 Rockport, Texas, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

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

Section 3: Taxes are payable in Rockport, Texas at the Office of the Tax Assessor Collector of Aransas County, Texas. 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 Rockport City Code not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

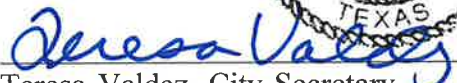
Section 8: The repeal of any ordinance or parts thereof by the enactment of this Ordinance, shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance; nor shall it have the effect of discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue,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

APPROVED on first reading on the 5th day of September 2023, by roll call vote as follows:

FOR MOTION: Council Member Rangel, Council Member Hale, Council Member Brundrett, Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman and Mayor Jayroe.

AGAINST MOTION: None

ATTEST:


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary



CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS


Tim Jayroe, Mayor

APPROVED, PASSED and ADOPTED on second and final reading the 12th day of September 2023 by roll call vote as follows:

FOR MOTION: Council Member Rangel, Council Member Hale, Council Member Brundrett, Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman and Mayor Jayroe.

AGAINST MOTION: None

ATTEST:


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary



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Tim Jayroe, Mayor