

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TAX RATE OF \$0.56995 PER \$100.00 OF ASSESSED VALUATION FOR THE CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, LEVYING A MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS RATE OF \$.43453 AND FOR THE FURTHER PURPOSE OF CREATING A SINKING FUND TO RETIRE THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BOND INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY LEVYING A DEBT SERVICE RATE OF \$.13542; PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TO SECURE PAYMENT OF TAXES DUE THEREON; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Bay City, Texas, has on this date, by way of separate Ordinance, duly approved, adopted an Operating Budget for the operation of the City for fiscal year 2024; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Appraiser of Matagorda County Tax Appraisal District has prepared and certified the appraisal roll for the City of Bay City, Texas, that roll being that portion of the approved appraisal roll of the Bay City Tax Appraisal District which lists property taxable by the City of Bay City, 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 fiscal year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has acknowledged that:

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE; and**

**THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY .92 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-46.22.**

**WHEREAS**, the City has fully and timely complied with all notice and other requirements relative to the adoption of a tax rate for fiscal year 2024.

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

**Section one.** There is hereby levied for the fiscal year 2024 upon all real property situated within the corporate limits of the City of Bay City, Texas, and upon all personal property which is owned within the corporate limits of the City of Bay City, 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 \$0.56995 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 \$0.43453 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 Bay City, 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 Bay City, Texas.
- b. An *ad valorem* tax rate of \$0.13542 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 Bay City, 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 Bay City, Texas, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

**Section two.** The City of Bay City shall have lien on all taxable property located in the City of Bay City to secure the payments of taxes, penalty, and interest, and all costs of collection, assessed and levied hereby.

**Section three.** Taxes are payable in Bay City, Texas at the Office of the Tax Assessor/Collector of Matagorda County. 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 four.** The tax roll presented to the City Council, together with any supplements thereto, are hereby accepted and approved.

**Section five.** A copy of the “Vote Results” sheet for this Ordinance, reflecting the record vote of the City Council on this Ordinance, shall be attached to this Ordinance by the City Secretary, and shall constitute a part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

**Section six.** 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 seven.** 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 eight.** 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 Bay City Code and ordinances not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section nine.** 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 ordinance at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 26th day of September 2023.

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Robert K. Nelson, Mayor  
City of Bay City

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Jeanna Thompson, City Secretary  
City of Bay City

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Anne Marie Odefey, City Attorney

<b><u>Council Member:</u></b>	<b><u>Voted Aye</u></b>	<b><u>Voted No</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Robert K. Nelson Mayor	_____	_____	_____
Benjamin Flores	_____	_____	_____
Jim Folse	_____	_____	_____
Blayne Finlay Mayor Pro Tem	_____	_____	_____
Becca Sitz	_____	_____	_____
Brad Westmoreland	_____	_____	_____