

RESOLUTION NO. R-20-25

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BEL AIRE  
RECOMMENDING AMENDMENTS TO THE KANSAS SENATE BILL 13  
REQUIREMENTS FOR TAX VALUATION NOTICES.**

WHEREFORE, pursuing fiscal responsibility, transparency and economic well- being of residents of the City of Bel Aire is a priority of the City Council;

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the City of Bel Aire desires to recommend Senate Bill 13 be amended to allow the notice requirements for tax rate increases to be satisfied by the annual property tax valuation notice already sent to property owners every year by counties.

WHEREAS, the Kansas Senate passed Senate Bill 13 on January 14, 2021, repealing the property tax lid law applicable to cities and counties, establishing new notification and public hearing requirements for taxing subdivisions seeking to increase property taxes above those provided for by their “revenue-neutral rate.”

WHEREAS, Additionally, under Senate Bill 13 would Governing bodies of taxing subdivisions would be required to publish notice of their intent to exceed the revenue-neutral rate and the date, time, and location of a public hearing on the resolution or ordinance providing for the levy on their websites at least ten days in advance of the hearing and notify county clerks by July 15 of their intent to exceed the revenue-neutral rate, including information concerning the hearing. A taxing subdivision would be prohibited from levying taxes exceeding its revenue-neutral rate without first approving a resolution or ordinance in accordance with the procedure provided by the bill.

WHEREAS, the costs for printing and mailing the notifications would be borne equally by the taxing subdivisions proposing to exceed their revenue-neutral rates.

WHEREAS, School districts would not be subject to the notice and hearing procedures, but county clerks would be required to provide information concerning school district property taxes in the notifications sent to taxpayers, including an explanation that school districts are not subject to the notice and hearing procedures.

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the City of Bel Aire believes this complex, financially burdensome, unequally applied (exception for school districts), notification requirement, is not an efficient way to address the accountability needed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bel Aire to formally recommend Senate Bill 13 be amended to better provide accountability by using annual property tax valuation notices sent every year by the County to advise property owners of any and all new valuations. The net effect on taxes shall be included and highlighted in the valuation notice. This simple amendment shall save local tax dollars, provide efficiency and fairness for local taxing authorities and allow for notification to property owners. Furthermore, any and all new rules must be equally applied across all taxing authorities.**

1. This Resolution shall be effective upon signature of the Mayor.
2. The Bel Aire City Clerk is hereby directed to mail or email copies of this resolution to Kansas Legislative Representatives in Districts 85 and 89 and Senators in Kansas Senate Districts 16 and 31.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Bel Aire this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February  
2021.

ATTEST:

Melissa Krehbiel  
Melissa Krehbiel  
City Clerk



Jim Benage  
Jim Benage, Mayor