

## **AN ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS, LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, on August 7, 2025, the City Council established a maximum ad valorem tax rate to support the proposed FY 2025-26 budget, and set September 15, 2025, as the date for the meeting to vote on the tax rate and caused notice of such meeting to be posted; and

**WHEREAS**, the public meeting was held on said date and all persons were then afforded an opportunity to appear and object to the proposed ad valorem tax rate; and,

**WHEREAS**, by ordinance the Council will approve the municipal budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that an ordinance be passed levying an ad valorem tax on all property, real, personal, and mixed, within the corporate limits of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas in accordance with said budget and Texas Property Code §26.05(b).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** There is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch (herein the "City"), upon all property, real, personal, and mixed, in the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, a tax rate of **\$0.2853** on each \$100 taxable valuation of property, and shall be apportioned and distributed as follows:

- a. For the maintenance and operations of the City (General Fund), a tax rate of **\$0.25674** on each \$100 taxable valuation of property.
- b. For the debt service principal and interest of the Debt Service Fund of the municipal government for FY 2025-26, a tax rate of **\$0.02856** on each \$100 taxable valuation of property.
- c. 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 5.49% AND WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$13.37.

**Section 2.** a. Unless the due date has been extended, taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due on October 1, 2025, and if not paid on or before January 31, 2026, shall immediately become delinquent.

- b. Taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector as the collector of property taxes is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the

Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and ordinances of the City and shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest, and, the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned to the general fund of the City. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from date of delinquency at the rate as prescribed by state law.

- Section 3** That the recitals contained in the preamble hereto are hereby found to be true and such recitals are hereby made a part of this ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.
- Section 4.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance be severable, and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance shall be declared invalid by judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance and the remainder of this ordinance shall be enforced as written.
- Section 5.** That it is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.
- Section 6.** The provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative of all ordinances not repealed by this ordinance and ordinances governing or regulating the same subject matter as that covered herein.
- Section 7.** If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City hereby declares that this ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.
- Section 8.** All ordinances, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordained herein.
- Section 9.** This ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.
- Section 10.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its second reading, passage and any publication requirements as may be required by governing law.

**PASSED and APPROVED on first reading by the City Council of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025, and recorded as follows:**

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Mayor Greg Maxton</b>			
<b>Council Member Stroup</b>			
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Rhoden</b>			
<b>Council Member Olvera</b>			
<b>Council Member Pearson</b>			
<b>Council Member Parker</b>			
<b>Council Member Swarek</b>			

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED on second and final reading by the City Council of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, on reading this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025, and recorded as follows:**

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Mayor Greg Maxton</b>			
<b>Council Member Stroup</b>			
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Gregory C. Maxton, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Christina Picioccio, TRMC  
City Secretary

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Denton Navarro Rodriguez Bernal Santee & Zech  
P.C., City Attorney