CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 783-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 783-2020 BY ADJUSTING THE HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION TO _____ PERCENT OF THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; MAKING FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Texas was amended in 1981 by a vote of the people to allow cities the local option to grant homestead exemptions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recommended an exemption of _____ in a meeting of the City Council on June 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that a homestead exemption of _____ percent (__%) would be in the best interests of the residents of the City of Joshua and would promote the goal of equity in taxation.

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

SECTION 1

All of the above findings are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2

From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, a homestead exemption of ______ percent (__%) is granted to all qualified homeowners subject to the City's property tax pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas regulating the assessment of ad valorem taxes. If this percentage produces an exemption of less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) when applied to a particular residence homestead, the individual shall be entitled to an exemption of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of the assessed value of the property.

SECTION 3

The Chief Appraiser for the Johnson County Appraisal District shall give appropriate notice to the general public advising it of the availability of the exemption.

SECTION 4

This Ordinance shall apply to the 2023 tax roll and all subsequent tax rolls unless repealed or amended by ordinance.

SECTION 5

This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage.

DULY PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS, ON THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2023.

	Scott Kimble, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Alice Holloway, City Secretary	
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:	
Terrence S. Welch, City Attorney	