

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NATALIA, TEXAS LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; APPORTIONING FOR EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR WHEN TAX PAYMENTS ARE DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR A RECORD VOTE.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Natalia, Texas, approved and adopted the Annual Budgets for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017; and

Whereas, the City Council held the required two public hearings on August 31, 2016 and September 6, 2016 on such Notice of 2016 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for the City of Natalia, Texas; and

Whereas, it is necessary that an ordinance be passed levying an ad valorem tax on property both real, personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of the City of Natalia, Texas in accordance with such budget and the Texas Tax Code.

Whereas, this year's levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures does not exceed last year's maintenance and operations tax levy; raising less for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate; and

Whereas, the total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.8869 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$272,243; and whereas, the total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.8615 for each \$100 of taxable value is \$271,562.

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

Section 1: The tax rate is hereby levied and shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Natalia (herein the "City") and to provide an Interest and Sinking fund for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, upon all property, real, personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City on January 1, 2016 subject to taxation, at the following tax rate:

A Tax Rate of \$ 0.8615 on each \$100 valuation of property, and said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

- 1) For the maintenance and support of the general government (General Fund), \$ 0.7691 on each \$100 valuation of property; and
- 2) For interest and sinking fund, \$ 0.0924 on each \$100 valuation of property.

Section 2: That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2016 and if not paid before February 1, 2017 shall immediately become delinquent.

Section 3: All taxes shall become a lien upon property against which assessed, and the Medina County Tax Appraisal District as the assessor and collector of the City 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 the date of the delinquency at the rate as prescribed by state law.

Section 4: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Section 5: It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that if any section, phrase, or sentence of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reasons by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding or finding shall not have the effect or result of invalidating any other section or part of this ordinance.


Section 6: It is further ordered and required by the Property Tax Code, Section 26.05(b) that the vote on said ordinance setting a tax rate that exceeds the effective tax rate must be a record vote, and therefore let it be recorded that the Governing Body of the City of Natalia, Texas each voted on said Tax Rate by a separate motion:

City Council Record Vote

POSITION	NAME	FOR	AGAINST	PRESENT and Not Voting	ABSENT
Mayor	Manuel Saldana			✓	
Mayor Pro-Tem	Sam Smith				✓
Council Member	Mike Fernandez	✓			
Council Member	Ruben Juarez	✓			
Council Member	Tommy Ortiz	✓			
Council Member	Samuel "Chip" Bluemel	✓			

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016 by a motion to adopt said ordinance setting a tax rate that exceeds the effective tax rate made in statement of, "I move that the proposed property tax rate of **\$0.8615**, which is effectively a 0% increase from last year's tax rate be effectively adopted and applied for the 2016 Tax Year."

APPROVED:



 Manuel C. Saldana, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Lisa S. Hernandez,
 City Administrator/Secretary

