

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, LEVYING THE AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 AT A RATE OF \$0.7100 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) ASSESSED VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014, TO PROVIDE REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT EXPENDITURES AND TO PROVIDE AN INTEREST AND SINKING FUND ON ALL OUTSTANDING DEBTS OF THE CITY; THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEARS TAX RATE; THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.0% AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$20.83; PROVIDING FOR DUE AND DELINQUENT DATES TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council has conducted the necessary public hearings as required by state and local statutes, and has complied with the Open Meetings Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, OF TARRANT, ELLIS AND JOHNSON COUNTIES THAT:

SECTION 1. That there be and is hereby levied for the fiscal year 2015 on all taxable property, real, personal, and mixed, situated within the limits of the City of Mansfield, Texas, and not exempt by the Constitution of the State and valid State laws, a tax of \$0.71000 on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed value of taxable property, and shall be apportioned and distributed as follows:

(a) For the purpose of defraying the current expenditures of the municipal government of the City, a tax of \$0.470977 on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed value on all taxable property.

(b) For the purpose of creating a sinking fund to pay the interest and principal on all outstanding bonds of the City, not otherwise provided for, a tax of \$0.239023 on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed value of all taxable property within the City which shall be applied to the payment of such interest and maturities of all outstanding bonds.

SECTION 2. That all ad valorem taxes shall become due and payable on October 1, 2014, and all ad valorem tax for the year shall become delinquent after January 31, 2015. There shall be no discount for payment of taxes prior to January 31, 2015. A delinquent tax shall incur all penalty and interest authorized by law (33.01 SPTC), to wit: a penalty of six percent of the amount of the tax for the first calendar month it is delinquent plus one percent for each additional month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid prior to July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent.

Provided, however, a tax delinquent on July 1 incurs a total penalty of twelve percent of the amount of the delinquent tax without regard to the number of months the tax has been delinquent. A delinquent tax shall also accrue interest at a rate of one percent for each month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid. Taxes that remain delinquent on July 1, 2014, incur an additional penalty of twenty percent of the amount of taxes, penalty, and interest due; such additional penalty is to defray costs of collection due to contract with the City's Tax Collection Attorney pursuant to Section 33.07 of the Property Tax Code.

SECTION 3. If you are 65 or older, you may pay your current taxes on your home in four installments. You must pay at least one-fourth of your taxes before February 1 (delinquency date). The remaining payments are due before April 1, June 1, and August 1, without any penalty and interest. And, an over-65 homeowner can defer payment of the taxes.

SECTION 4. Taxes are payable at 100 E. Weatherford, Room 102C, Fort Worth, Texas 76196-0301 at the office of the Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector. The County shall have available all rights and remedies provided by law for the enforcement of the collection of taxes levied under this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. That the tax rolls, as presented to the City Council, together with any supplement thereto, be, and the same are hereby approved.

SECTION 6. The fact that it is necessary that this ordinance be enacted in order to authorize the collection of ad valorem taxes for the year 2014, this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage as the law in such cases provides.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the first reading this 8th day of September, 2014.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the second reading this 9th day of September, 2014.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the third and final reading this 10th day of September, 2014.

David Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki Collins, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

E. Allen Taylor, Jr., City Attorney