

**CITY OF BLANCO**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-012**

**2023 Tax Levy Ordinance**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS, APPROVING THE 2023 AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND LEVYING A TAX OF \$0.2026 FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS AND \$0.1506 FOR THE INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR A TOTAL TAX RATE OF \$0.3532 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND INTEREST; AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; SEVERABILITY; SAVINGS CLAUSE; PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- WHEREAS**, it is necessary to impose a tax of \$0.2026 for maintenance and operation shall be levied on all persons and property, real and personal within the City; and
- WHEREAS**, it is also necessary to impose a tax of \$0.1506 for the interest and sinking fund shall be levied on all persons and property, real and personal within the City; and
- WHEREAS**, in connection with said taxes, a total tax rate of \$0.3532 shall be levied on all property situated in the City of Blanco, shall be subject to taxation on the first day of January 2024; and
- WHEREAS**, a budget appropriating revenue generated for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Blanco (“City”) has been approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Blanco (“City Council”) as required by Chapter 102 of the Texas Local Government Code; and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001, the City has general authority to adopt an ordinance or police regulation that is for the good government, peace or order of the City and is necessary of proper for carrying out a power granted by to the City; and
- WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is necessary and proper for the good government, peace, or order of the City to adopt an ordinance establishing an ad valorem tax rate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Blanco City Council:**

**1. APPROVAL OF 2023 TAX RATE & LEVY**

That there be and is hereby levied and shall be assessed and collected for the year 2023, on all taxable property, real, personal, and mixed, situated within the city limits of the City, and not exempt the Constitution of the State and valid state laws, an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.3532 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 expenses and budget of the municipal government of the City (maintenance and operations (M&O)), a tax rate of \$0.2026 and debt rate of \$0.1506 on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed value of taxable property.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$255,339 WHICH IS A 26.1% TAX INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$44,848.00.

- (b) City's internet website:

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## **2. PENALTY & INTEREST**

All taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed and the City Tax Assessor/Collector for the City of Blanco, Texas, shall by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, or the payment of said taxes, penalty, and interest for the general fund of the City of Blanco, Texas.

## **3. FINDINGS OF FACT**

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

## **4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

That is any section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid or held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or provision thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

## **5. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

That all previous budget ordinances shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this Ordinance.

## **6. PUBLICATION CLAUSE**

The City Secretary of the City of Blanco, Texas, is hereby directed to place the information above on the City's Website and provide all other notice as required by law.

**7. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The necessity for making and approving a budget for the fiscal year, as required by the laws of the State of Texas, requires that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as the law in such provides.

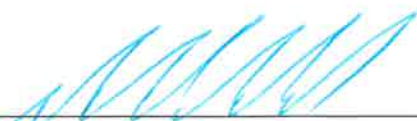
**8. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING**

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

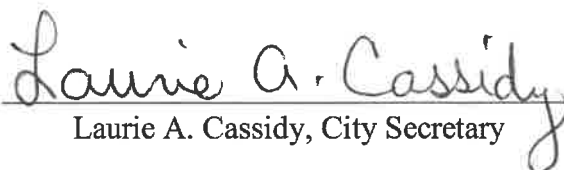
**PASSED & APPROVED** this, the 14 day of August 2023 by the following City Council of Blanco roll call vote:

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| <b>Mayor Arnold</b>             | <u>          </u> <i>for</i> | <u>          </u> <i>against</i> | <u>          </u> <i>abstain</i> | <u>          </u> <i>absent</i> |
| <b>Mayor Pro Tem Thraikill</b>  | <u>✓</u> <i>for</i>          | <u>          </u> <i>against</i> | <u>          </u> <i>abstain</i> | <u>          </u> <i>absent</i> |
| <b>Council Member McClellan</b> | <u>          </u> <i>for</i> | <u>          </u> <i>against</i> | <u>          </u> <i>abstain</i> | <u>✓</u> <i>absent</i>          |
| <b>Council Member Smith</b>     | <u>✓</u> <i>for</i>          | <u>          </u> <i>against</i> | <u>          </u> <i>abstain</i> | <u>          </u> <i>absent</i> |
| <b>Council Member Swinson</b>   | <u>✓</u> <i>for</i>          | <u>          </u> <i>against</i> | <u>          </u> <i>abstain</i> | <u>          </u> <i>absent</i> |
| <b>Council Member Moses</b>     | <u>          </u> <i>for</i> | <u>✓</u> <i>against</i>          | <u>          </u> <i>abstain</i> | <u>          </u> <i>absent</i> |

**CITY OF BLANCO:**

  
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 Mike Arnold, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

