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ORDER ADOPTING TAX RATE

A TAX RATE ORDER OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, LEVYING AS OF **OCTOBER 1, 2009**, THE AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR **2009** AT A RATE OF **0.3750** PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) ASSESSED VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE COUNTY, TO PROVIDE REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT EXPENSES AND PROVIDING FOR DUE AND DELINQUENT OF CURRENT DATES, TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST; APPROVING THE **2009** TAX ROLL; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS OF PERSONS OVER SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. I MOVE THAT ROCKWALL COUNTY ADOPT A TAX RATE OF **0.3750** PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE FOR THE 2009 TAX YEAR AND THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER SET FORTH HEREIN BY SECTIONS 2 THROUGH 9. **THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

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Adopted by the following vote:

Aye

Nay

<u>Chris Florence</u>	_____
<u>Jerrey Simpson</u>	_____
<u>Lorie Grinnaw</u>	_____
<u>Dennis Bailey</u>	_____
<u>David Magnus</u>	_____

SECTION 2. THAT THERE BE AND IS HEREBY LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2009 ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY, REAL, PERSONAL AND MIXED, SITUATED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AND NOT EXEMPT BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE AND VALID STATE LAWS, A TAX OF 0.3750 ON EACH ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SHALL BE APPORTIONED AND DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTY AN M&O TAX OF 0.2969 ON EACH ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS ASSESSED VALUE OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY.

B. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE CURRENT INDEBTEDNESS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTY, AN I&S TAX OF 0.0781 ON EACH ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS ASSESSED VALUE OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY.

SECTION 3. THAT ALL AD VALOREM TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE ON OCTOBER 1, 2009, AND ALL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT AFTER JANUARY 31, 2010. IF ANY PERSON FAILS TO PAY THE AD VALOREM TAXES ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2010, THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES SHALL BE PAYABLE THEREON, TO-WIT:

DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, SEVEN (7%) PERCENT;
DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, NINE (9%) PERCENT;
DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, ELEVEN (11%) PERCENT;
DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, THIRTEEN (13%) PERCENT;
DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, FIFTEEN (15%) PERCENT;
AND ON OR AFTER THE 1ST OF JULY, EIGHTEEN (18%) PERCENT.

SECTION 4. TAXES ARE PAYABLE IN ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AT THE OFFICE OF THE DESIGNATED TAX COLLECTOR. THE COUNTY SHALL HAVE AVAILABLE ALL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES PROVIDED BY LAWS OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE COLLECTION OF TAXES LEVIED UNDER THIS TAX RATE ORDER.

SECTION 5. THAT THE TAX ROLLS, AS PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT TOGETHER WITH ANY SUPPLEMENT THERETO, BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

SECTION 6. ALL DELINQUENT TAXES SHALL BE AT THE MAXIMUM RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM AS PROVIDED BY LAW, IN ADDITION TO THE PENALTIES PROVIDED HEREIN.

SECTION 7. ALL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2009 WHICH REMAIN DELINQUENT ON JULY 1ST SHALL INCUR AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY OF TWENTY (20%) PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OF TAXES, PENALTY AND INTEREST DUE TO DEFRAY COST OF COLLECTION.

SECTION 8. THAT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8.1-b OF THE CONSTITUTION OF TEXAS, \$35,000.00 OF THE APPRAISED VALUE OF RESIDENT HOMESTEADS OF ANY MARRIED OR UNMARRIED PERSON INCLUDING THOSE LIVING ALONE, WHO WERE SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON JANUARY 1, 2009, THIS AMOUNT SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXES.

SECTION 9. THE FACT THAT IT IS NECESSARY THAT THIS TAX RATE ORDER BE ENACTED IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2009 CREATED AN URGENCY AND AN EMERGENCY AND REQUIRES THAT THIS TAX RATE ORDER TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, AS THE LAW IN SUCH CASES PROVIDES.

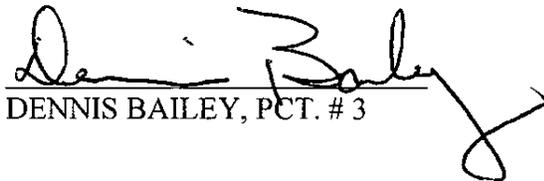
DULY PASSED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2009.

APPROVED:


CHRIS FLORANCE
COUNTY JUDGE


JERRY WIMPEE, PCT. # 1


LORIE GRINNAN, PCT. # 2


DENNIS BAILEY, PCT. # 3


J. DAVID MAGNESS, PCT. # 4

ATTEST:


Lisa Constant, County Clerk