

**CITY OF GONZALES TEXAS  
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET  
AGENDA - SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCES**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The public comments section of the meeting is for citizens to address the Mayor and Council (as a whole)

**ORDINANCES**

1. Discuss and Consider Ordinance # 2017-13 Approving the 2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and Levy of Assessed Valuation of All Taxable Property Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Gonzales, Texas

**ADJOURN**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council reserves the right to discuss any of the above items in Executive Closed Session if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.087, of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

I certify that a copy of the September 29, 2017, agenda of items to be considered by the Gonzales City Council was posted on the City Municipal Building bulletin board on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. and remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours proceeding the scheduled time of the meeting. I further certify that the above agenda was removed on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 at \_\_\_\_\_am/pm. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer

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Kristina Vega, City Secretary

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## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING DATA



## AGENDA ITEM

Discuss and Consider an Ordinance Approving the 2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and Levy of Assessed Valuation of All Taxable Property Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Gonzales, Texas

**DATE: September 29, 2017**

### **TYPE AGENDA ITEM:**

Ordinance

### **BACKGROUND:**

As per §102.009 of the Texas Local Government Code the budget appropriating revenues generated for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Gonzales has been approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Gonzales.

On August 1, 2017 the City Council of the City of Gonzales approved the maximum tax rate of \$0.2750 per \$100.00 valuation for fiscal year 2017-2018.

The proposed rate exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate calculated as provided by Chapter 26 of the Tax Code, therefore, two Public Hearings were required. The two required Public Hearings were advertised and held in accordance with Tax Code §26.06 on the following dates: First Public Hearing-August 22<sup>nd</sup>; Second Public Hearing-September 5<sup>th</sup>. During the public hearings regarding the Tax Rate no comments were made.

This tax rate will raise more taxes for the Maintenance & Operations than last year's tax rate. The rate on each \$100.00 assessed value of taxable property from 2016 to 2017, as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Maintenance & Operations Rate:	0.1769	0.2750	0.0981	55.46%

### **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

This is consistent with the requirements of the Local Government Code and the Tax Code.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Adopting and levying the rate of \$0.2750 per \$100.00 valuation will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$372,652.36 or 55.46% and of that amount \$14,690.56 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Respectfully request approval of this ordinance.

Review:  
Jackie Williamson

Pending

Kristina Vega  
City Council

Completed  
Pending

09/26/2017 3:24 PM  
09/29/2017 6:00 PM

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-13**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS APPROVING THE 2017 AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND LEVY OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, as per §102.009 of the Texas Local Government Code the budget appropriating revenues generated for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Gonzales has been approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Gonzales; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 1, 2017 the City Council of the City of Gonzales approved the maximum tax rate of \$0.2750 per \$100.00 valuation for fiscal year 2017-2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rate exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate calculated as provided by Chapter 26 of the Tax Code. The two required Public Hearings were advertised and held in accordance with Tax Code §26.06 on the following dates: First Public Hearing-August 22<sup>nd</sup>; Second Public Hearing-September 5<sup>th</sup>. During the public hearings regarding the Tax Rate no comments were made; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting and levying the rate of \$0.2750 per \$100.00 valuation will raise more total property taxes than last year’s budget by \$372,652.36 or 55.46% and of that amount \$14,690.56 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year; and

**WHEREAS**, this tax rate will raise more taxes for the Maintenance & Operations than last year’s tax rate. The rate on each \$100.00 assessed value of taxable property from 2016 to 2017, as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Maintenance & Operations Rate:	0.1769	0.2750	0.0981	55.46%

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS:**

The City Council of the City of Gonzales, Texas approves the ad valorem tax rate and levies the 2017-2018 fiscal year tax rate of \$0.2750 per \$100.00 valuation.

The Ordinance was duly introduced for the consideration of the City Council. It was then duly moved and seconded that the Ordinance be adopted; and, after due discussion, said motion carrying with it the adoption of the Ordinance, prevailed and carried by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTENTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

It is declared to be the intent of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence,

paragraph, or section of this ordinance is declared invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance since the City Council would have enacted them without the invalid portion.

The caption of this ordinance shall be published at least twice within 10 days after passage of the ordinance in the official newspaper of the City of Gonzales, Texas, in compliance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3.11, of the City Charter.

This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the first publication as described above.

**Severability.** If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this ordinance will continue in force if they can be given effect without the invalid portion.

All ordinances and resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with the ordinance are repealed.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** this 29th day of September, 2017.

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Mayor, Connie L. Kacir

ATTEST:

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Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Jackie Williamson, City Attorney