CITY OF TRENTON, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 606

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, TEXAS SETTING, FIXING, AND ADOPTING THE TAX RATE ON TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TRENTON FOR THE YEAR 2026; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING APPLICATION OF TAXES COLLECTIBLE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 26.05 of the Texas Tax Code requires that the City of Trenton, Texas (the "City"), adopt a tax rate for 2026 by September 29, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Fannin County Central Appraisal District has provided the City with the certified 2026 tax roll for the City of Trenton.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code, the Tax Assessor-Collector for the City has calculated the tax rate for 2026 which cannot be exceeded without requisite publications and public hearings; and

WHEREAS, Section 26.05(a) of the Texas Tax Code provides that the tax rate consists of two components, one of which will impose the amount of taxes needed to pay debt service, and the other of which will impose the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenses for the next year, and each of which must be approved separately; and

WHEREAS, the tax rate set forth herein consists of two components, as required, and they are approved separately; and

WHEREAS, upon full review and consideration of the matter, the City Council is of the opinion that the tax rate for the year 2026 set, fixed and adopted herein below is proper.

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

Section 1. **Findings Incorporated.** The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. **Approval of 2026 Certified Property Tax Values.** The City Council approved the 2026 Certified Property Tax Rolls for the City of Trenton, Texas as submitted by the Fannin County Appraisal District to the City, by approving Resolution No. 584 on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, said Resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated as if set forth fully herein.

Section 3. **Tax Rate Adopted.** That there is hereby levied and ordered to be assessed and collected an ad valorem tax rate of **$0.654849** on each One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) of assessed valuation for all taxable property located in the City of Trenton on the 1st day of January 2026, and not exempted from taxation by the constitution and laws of the State of Texas to provide for the expenses of the City of

Trenton for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027. The said tax is made up of components, as set forth in this Ordinance:

a. For the maintenance and support of the General Government (General Fund) for the fiscal year 2026-2027, **$0.364895** on each $100 valuation of property.

b. For debt services for the fiscal year 2026-2027, **$0.289954** on each $100 valuation of property.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.50% AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A $100,000.00 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY $11.96.

Section 3. **Due Date of Taxes.** That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2026, and if not paid on or before January 31, 2027, shall immediately become delinquent. Penalties and interest as provided by state law shall accrue after January 31 of the year following the year in which the taxes are assessed. However, if the entire taxes due as provided herein are paid in full by January 31 of the year following the year in which the taxes are assessed, no penalty or interest shall be due.

Section 4. **Place of Payment/Collection**. Taxes are payable at the office of the Fannin County Tax Assessor/Collector. The City shall have available all rights and remedies provided by law for the enforcement of the collection of taxes levied under this Ordinance.

Section 5. **Savings/Repealing Clause**. All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed; but such repeal shall not abate any pending prosecution for violation of the repealed Ordinance, nor shall the repeal prevent prosecution from being commenced for any violation if occurring prior to the repeal of the Ordinance. Any remaining portions of conflicting ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. **Severability**. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. The City hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 7. **Effective Date**. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its adoption and publication as required by law after its passage.

PRESENTED APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026 BY A VOTE OF __ AYES, __ NAYS, __ ABSTENTIONS, __ ABSENT AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, TEXAS.

Councilmembers:	**For:**	**Against:**	**Absent:**	**Abstain:**
Mayor, Chris Stringer	_____	_____	**Votes only to break tie**	
Mayor Pro Tem, Tyler Bowman	_____	X	_____	_____
Councilmember, Riley Stringer	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember, Justin Wilson	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember, Tim Cooper	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember, Jackson Meyer	✓	_____	_____	_____

Note: If this ordinance is adopted by a majority of a quorum of the City Council without the Mayor being required to break a tie, in accordance with Chapter 22 of the Texas Local Government Code, no vote shall be required or recorded for the Mayor.

APPROVED:

Chris Stringer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Creed, City Secretary

MOTION REQUIRED TO ADOPT THIS ORDINANCE: The Texas Tax Code specifies the exact motion language to be used when adopting a rate that exceeds the no-new-revenue rate (NNR), and the motion must include the percentage difference between the proposed rate and the NNR. The City of Trenton is adopting a rate above the NNR, so the statutory motion language is required. The motion should be read as follows:

> **"I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.654849, which is effectively a 15.2% percent increase in the tax rate and that the ordinance be approved as presented."**

Exhibit "A"
Resolution No. 584