

ORDINANCE NO. 281 - 20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HACKBERRY, DENTON COUNTY TEXAS LEVYING THE AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2020 AT A RATE OF 0.251189 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY AS OF JANUARY 1, 2020; TO PROVIDE REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT EXPENSES AND TO PROVIDE AN INTEREST AND SINKING FUND ON THE OUTSTANDING DEBT OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR DUE AND DELINQUENT DATES TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF HACKBERRY, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS:

Section 1. That there be and is hereby levied for the year 2020, on all taxable property real personal and mixed, situated within the limits of the City of Hackberry, Texas, and not exempt by the Constitution of the State, valid State law or this Ordinance, a tax of 0.251189 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 of municipal government of the City, a tax of 0.213214 on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed value of all taxable property.
- b) For the purpose of creating a sinking fund to pay interest and principal on the outstanding bond of the City, not otherwise provided for, a tax of 0.037975 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 the outstanding bond.

Section 2. That all ad valorem taxes shall become due and payable on October 1, 2020 and all ad valorem taxes for the year shall become delinquent after January 31, 2021. There shall be no discount for payment of taxes prior to said January 31, 2021. If any person fails to pay the ad valorem taxes on or before the 31st day of January 2020, the following penalties shall be payable thereon, to-wit:

During the month of February, seven Percent (7%); during the month of March, nine percent (9%); during the month of April, eleven percent (11%), during the month of May, thirteen percent (13%); during the month of June, fifteen percent (15%); and on or after the 1st day of July, eighteen percent (18%).

- Section 3.** Taxes shall be payable in Denton County, Texas at the office of the Denton County Tax 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 4.** That any and all ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, policies or provisions in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and rescinded to the extent of the conflict herewith.
- Section 5.** If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance, or application thereof by any person or circumstances, is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions and shall remain in full force and effect.
- 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 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021, this Ordinance shall become effective from and after its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hackberry, Texas, on this the 18th day of August, 2020.

APPROVED:

Ronald Austin, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Lewallen, City Secretary