

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
THE FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2017, 7:00 P.M.  
FREEPORT MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
FREEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT, 430 NORTH BRAZOSPORT BOULEVARD  
FREEPORT, TEXAS  
AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Public Hearing:** Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Pg. 678
5. Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2017-2138 adopting a budget for said City for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Pg. 679-682
6. **Public Hearing:** Proposed tax rate hearing for 2018 tax year. Pg. 683
7. Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2017-2140 accepting the certified appraisal roll from the Brazoria County Appraisal District for the 2018 Tax Year; establishing a tax rate for each \$100.00 valuation of taxable property within said city for such tax year; levying all taxes for said City for such tax year; allocating such taxes for certain municipal purposes therein enumerated; ordering that such taxes be assessed and collected; containing a severance clause: and proving an effective date for this ordinance. Pg. 684-691
8. Adjourn.

Items not necessarily discussed in the order they appear on the agenda. The Council at its discretion may take action on any or all of the items as listed. This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act. (Chapter 551, Government Code).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Freeport will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending City Council Meetings. Request should be received 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the City Secretary office at 979-233-3526. I, Delia Munoz City Secretary for the City of Freeport, Texas certify that this agenda was posted in the official glass case at the rear door of the City Hall, with 24 hours a day public access, 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport Texas, September 21, 2017 at or before 5:00 p.m.

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Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
City of Freeport, Texas

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

**BE IT KNOWN** that on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m., the City Council of the City of Freeport, Texas will conduct a **PUBLIC HEARING** at the Freeport Police Department Municipal Courtroom located therein at 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas, on the **PROPOSED BUDGET** of the City for the **FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**, which may be **EXAMINED** on request at the office of the City Manager, 200 West Second Street, Freeport, Texas during normal business hours or on line at [www.freeport.tx.us](http://www.freeport.tx.us). **WRITTEN COMMENTS** concerning the budget must be mailed to arrive at or be delivered in person to the office of the City Manager at such physical address prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of such hearing. **VERBAL COMMENTS** will be accepted at the time of the hearing.

**THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$167,751 OR 6.66%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$40,396 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.**

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**Delia Muñoz, City Secretary  
City of Freeport, Texas**

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-\_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS, CONTAINING A PREAMBLE; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR SAID CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; PROVIDING FOR THE FILING THEREOF; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE VARIOUS EXPENDITURES THEREIN ENUMERATED AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND SUCH FUNDS AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR SUCH EXPENDITURES; CONTAINING EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport, Texas, (hereinafter sometimes "the City") is a "Home Rule City" and a "Home Rule Municipality" lying and situated in Brazoria County, Texas, as described in and defined by Section 5, Article XI of the Constitution of Texas and Section 1.005 of the Local Government Code of Texas, respectively; and,

WHEREAS, Article 9 of the Home Rule Charter of the City requires the adoption of an annual budget; and,

WHEREAS, under Section 102.001(b) of the Local Government Code, because the City has a City Manager form of government, the City Manager is the budget officer of the City municipality and under Section 102.002 of said Code and Chapter 9 of said Charter, the City Manager is required to prepare a proposed annual budget for the municipality and, under Section 102.03(a) of said Code and Chapter 9 of said Charter, is required to file the same with the City Secretary before the 30th day before the date the governing body of the municipality makes its tax levy for the fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, under Chapter 9 of said Charter, the governing body of the municipality is required to adopt a budget not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, under Section 102.006(a) and (b) of the Local Government Code and Chapter 9 of said Charter, the governing body of the municipality is required to conduct a public hearing on such proposed annual budget; and

WHEREAS, under Section 102.006(c) of the Local Government Code and Chapter 9 of said Charter, public notice of the date, time and location of such hearing must be given, under Section 102.0065(c) and Section 102.011 of said Code the provisions of said Charter control as to the method of giving such notice and under Chapter 9 of said Charter said notice must be published at least 15 days before the date of such hearing in the official newspaper of the City; and,

WHEREAS, under Section 102.006(b) of the Local Government Code, the public hearing on the proposed annual budget must be held before the date the governing body makes its tax levy for the fiscal year covered by such budget, under Section 102.007(c) of said Code and Chapter 9 of said Charter, at the conclusion of such hearing, the governing body must take action on such proposed annual budget and under Section 102.009(a) of said Code and Chapter 9 of said Charter, the governing body of the City may levy taxes only in accordance with such budget.

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

SECTION ONE (1) - Findings of Fact

In connection with the adoption of the 2017-2018 ANNUAL BUDGET, the City Council hereby makes the following findings:

(1) The proposed budget for the City's Fiscal Year 2017-2018, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is the result of several workshop meetings: August 15, 2017 and August 16, 2017, each of which were conducted in accordance with and notice of each of which was given in the manner required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, now codified as Chapter 551 of the Government Code.

(2) On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2017, the City Manager filed with the City Secretary the original of such proposed annual budget.

(3) A public hearing on such proposed budget was scheduled on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Municipal Courtroom of the Police and Courts Building of the City of Freeport, Texas, located therein at 430 Brazosport Boulevard but was rescheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

(4) Notice of the hearing scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 was published in The Facts, a newspaper having general circulation within the City, on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017 and notice of such rescheduled hearing was published in such newspaper on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day September, 2017 .

(5) This ordinance is being adopted at the conclusion of such hearing and on the same date as the date on which such hearing was held.

(6) The contingent appropriations in such budget do not exceed three percent (3%) of the total budget appropriations.

(7) The estimated expenditures of the General Fund and Debt Service Fund stated in such budget do not exceed total estimated resources of each fund.

SECTION TWO (2) - Proposed Annual Budget Adopted; Appropriations

The PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET for the City's FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018, attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A", is in its complete form, as heretofore filed with the City Secretary, and with any changes thereto made following such workshop meetings and the public hearing mentioned above, and is hereby ADOPTED; the several amounts set forth therein as proposed expenditures are hereby APPROPRIATED to and for the objects and purposes therein specified and the City Manager is hereby AUTHORIZED to expend and to execute agreements for the expenditure of the funds therein budgeted for the purposes and in the amounts specified in such budget UNLESS the item purchased or the amount expended at any one time is required to be advertized for bidding or City Council action or approval is otherwise required by the general law of the state, an ordinance or any provision of the Home Rule Charter of the City or by the City Council.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$167,751 OR 6.66%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$40,396 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

SECTION THREE (3) - Filing of Copies

A copy of this ordinance and of the attached complete copy of such budget, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", shall be filed with the City Secretary of the City of Freeport, Texas and shall be maintained with the official records of the City. Certified copies thereof shall be filed by the City Secretary with the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas and the office of the State Comptroller of Public Accounts for the State of Texas.

SECTION FOUR (4) - Severance Clause

Any section or provision of this ordinance found to be unconstitutional, void or inoperative by the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction is hereby declared to be severable from the remaining sections and provisions of this ordinance and such remaining sections and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION FIVE (5) - Effective Dates

This ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage and the annual budget adopted hereby shall be in effect for the Fiscal Year of the City beginning October 1, 2017, and ending September 30, 2018.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Troy T. Brimage, Mayor  
City of Freeport, Texas

ATTEST:

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Delia Muñoz, City Secretary,  
City of Freeport, Texas

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

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Wallace Shaw, City Attorney,  
City of Freeport, Texas

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# NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

The CITY OF FREEPORT conducted public hearings on August 17, 2017 and September 5, 2017 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the CITY OF FREEPORT from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.89 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.628005 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,518,980.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.628005 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,646,334.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.628005 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,686,731.

The CITY OF FREEPORT is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held at 7:00pm on September 27, 2017 at the Freeport Police Department Municipal Court located at 430 N Brazosport Blvd in Freeport TX 77541.

The CITY OF FREEPORT proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of infrastructure and street improvements.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS, CONTAINING A PREAMBLE; CONTAINING FINDINGS OF FACT; ACCEPTING THE CERTIFIED APPRAISAL ROLL FROM THE BRAZORIA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR THE 2018 TAX YEAR; ESTABLISHING A TAX RATE FOR EACH \$100.00 VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY FOR SUCH TAX YEAR; LEVYING ALL TAXES FOR SAID CITY FOR SUCH TAX YEAR; ALLOCATING SUCH TAXES FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PURPOSES THEREIN ENUMERATED; ORDERING THAT SUCH TAXES BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED; CONTAINING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport, Texas, (hereinafter sometimes "the City") is a "Home Rule City" and a "Home Rule Municipality" lying and situated in Brazoria County, Texas, as described in and defined by Section 5, Article XI of the Constitution of Texas and Section 1.005 of the Local Government Code, respectively; and,

WHEREAS, Article 9 of the Home Rule Charter of the City authorizes the City to levy, assess and collect an annual tax upon real and personal property within the City to the maximum provided by the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Section 26.01, Texas Tax Code, provides that, by July 25th of each tax year, the Chief Appraiser of the Appraisal District in which an entity authorized to levy ad valorem taxes is located shall prepare and certify to the Assessor-Collector of such entity an appraisal roll for that tax year that lists the property taxable by such unit; and,

WHEREAS, Section 6.22(c), Texas Tax Code, authorizes the governing body of a taxing unit to require the county in which said unit is located to assess and collect the taxes such unit imposes in the manner in which the county assesses and collects its taxes; and,

WHEREAS, county taxes in Brazoria County, Texas, are assessed and collected by the Brazoria County Tax Assessor-Collector; and,

WHEREAS, Section 6.23(a)(3), Texas Tax Code, provides that the county assessor and collector of taxes shall, if so required by a taxing unit, assess and collect the taxes of said unit; and,

WHEREAS, heretofore the City Council, being the governing body thereof, adopted a resolution requesting and requiring the Assessor and Collector of Taxes for Brazoria County to assess and collect the ad valorem taxes levied by the City; and,



WHEREAS, Section 26.04, Texas Tax Code, requires that by August 7th or as soon thereafter as practicable, the Tax Assessor-Collector shall submit to the City Council and publish notice of, among other things, the effective tax rate and the roll back tax rate for the then current tax year; and,

WHEREAS, Article 9 of the Home Rule Charter of the City requires the adoption of an annual budget not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the City has a City Manager form of government and under Section 102.001(b), Local Government Code and Chapter 9 of said Charter, the City Manager is the budget officer of the municipality;

WHEREAS, under Section 102.002 of said Code and Chapter 9 of said Charter, the City Manager is required to prepare a proposed annual budget for the municipality and, under Section 102.03(a) of said Code and Chapter 9 of said Charter, is required to file the same with the City Secretary before the 30th day before the date the governing body of the municipality makes its tax levy for the fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, under Section 102.006(a) and (b), Local Government Code and Chapter 9 of said Charter, the governing body of the municipality is required to conduct a public hearing on such proposed annual budget; and

WHEREAS, under Section 102.006(c), Local Government Code and Chapter 9 of said Charter, public notice of the date, time and location of such hearing must be given, under Section 102.0065(c) and Section 102.011 of said Code the provisions of said Charter control as to the method of giving such notice and under Chapter 9 of said Charter said notice must be published at least 15 days before the date of such hearing in the official newspaper of the City; and,

WHEREAS, under Section 102.006(b), Local Government Code, a public hearing on the proposed annual budget must be held before the date the governing body makes its tax levy for the fiscal year covered by such budget; and,

WHEREAS, under Section 102.007(c) of said Code and Chapter 9 of said Charter, at the conclusion of such hearing, the governing body must take action on such proposed annual budget and under Section 102.009 (a) of said Code and Chapter 9 of said Charter, the governing body of the City may levy taxes only in accordance with such budget; and,

WHEREAS, Section 11.01 of the Home Rule Charter of the City provides for a fiscal or budget year that begins on the 1st day of October of each calendar year and ends on the last day of September of the next succeeding calendar year; and,

WHEREAS, Article 9 of the Home Rule Charter of the City requires the adoption of an annual budget not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, under Section 102.001(b), Local Government Code, because the City has a City Manager form of government, the City Manager is the budget officer of the municipality and, under Section 102.002 of said Code and Section 11.02 of the Home Rule Charter of the City, the City Manager is required to prepare a proposed annual budget for the municipality and, under Section 102.03(a) of said Code and Section 11.02 of said Charter, is required to submit the same to the City Council at least sixty (60) days before the beginning of each budget year; and,

WHEREAS, under Section 102.006(a) and (b), Local Government Code and Section 11.05 of the Home Rule Charter of the City, the governing body of the municipality is required to conduct a public hearing on such proposed annual budget; and

WHEREAS, under Section 102.006(c) Local Government Code and Section 11.04 of the Home Rule Charter, public notice of the date, time and location of such hearing must be given, under Section 102.0065(c) and Section 102.011 of said Code the provisions of said Charter control as to the method of giving such notice and under Section 11.04 of said Charter said notice must be published not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of such public hearing; and,

WHEREAS, under Section 102.006(b), Local Government Code, the public hearing on the proposed annual budget must be held before the date the governing body makes its tax levy for the fiscal year covered by such budget and, under Section 102.009 (a) of said Code and Section 11.09 of said Charter, the governing body of the City may levy taxes only in accordance with such budget; and,

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 26.05(b) of the Tax Code, the tax rate must be set by ordinance, resolution or order which, if the rate exceeds the effective tax rate, must be adopted by a motion with a record vote of the governing body of the City, such motion must be made in the form prescribed in Section 26.05(b), at least sixty (60) percent of the members of the governing body are required to vote in favor of the motion to adopt such ordinance, resolution or order and, if the ordinance, resolution or order sets a tax rate that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose an amount of taxes to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the City that exceeds the amount of taxes imposed for that purpose in the preceding year, additional requirements regarding the contents of such ordinance, resolution or order and the giving of notice of the home page of any Internet website operated by the City must be met; and,

WHEREAS, Section 26.05(d) of the Tax Code, the City is only required to conduct two public hearings and satisfy the notice and voting requirements of Section 26.06 and Section 26.065 of the Tax Code where the proposed tax rate will exceed the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate calculated as provided in said code.

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

SECTION ONE (1) - Findings of Fact

The City Council hereby makes the following findings:

(1) The Chief Appraiser of the Brazoria County Appraisal District furnished to the Assessor and Collector of Taxes for Brazoria County, Texas, a certified appraisal roll of the City for the 2018 tax year on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

(2) The original of the proposed budget for the City's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 was filed by the City Manager of the City with the City Secretary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2017.

(3) On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, the Assessor and Collector of Taxes calculated and on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, caused to be published in the Brazosport Facts a notice of the effective and roll back tax rates for such tax year, being \$0.593056 and \$0.631016, respectively, per \$100.00 valuation.

(4) That at a meeting of the City Council held on the 7th day of August, 2017, the following motion was made and seconded:

"I propose adopting a tax rate of \$0.628005 per \$100.00 valuation for the 2017 tax year, which is effectively a 5.89 percent increase in the tax rate.

After being seconded, a record vote on such motion was taken as follows:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Larry McDonald	<u>Nay</u>
Councilman Brooks Bass	<u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Roy Yates	<u>Aye</u>

(5) On the 16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, there was published in the Brazosport Facts a notice that a public hearing would be held on the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year in the Municipal Courtroom of the Police and Courts Building of the City of Freeport, Texas, located therein at 430 Brazosport Boulevard. Such notice included the following:

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$167,751 OR 6.66%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$40,396 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

(6) A public hearing on such proposed budget was to be held at a meeting of the City Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at such courtroom, but was postponed to 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

(7) A public hearing on such proposed budget was held at a meeting of the City council held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at such courtroom and notice of such hearing was published in the Facts on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2017.

(8) At such meeting of the City Council held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, but after such hearing, an ordinance adopting such budget was read, being Ordinance 2017-2138. A motion to adopt such ordinance was made and seconded and recorded vote was taken as follows:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage	_____
Councilman Larry McDonald	_____
Councilman Brooks Bass	_____
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles	_____
Councilman Roy Yates	_____

Such ordinance includes the following statement:

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$167,751.00 OR 6.66%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$40,396 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

(9) There is outstanding indebtedness for which an interest and sinking fund must be provided from ad valorem taxes and taxes must be levied as provided below to provide a general fund for current expenses and the general improvement of the City and its property, and to meet the revenue requirements of the budget for the City's 2017-2018 fiscal year.

(10) On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 there was published in the Facts the following notice of tax revenue increase:

The CITY OF FREEPORT conducted public hearings on August 17, 2017 and September 5, 2017 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the CITY OF FREEPORT from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.89 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.628005 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,518,980.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.628005 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,646,334.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.628005 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,686,731.

The CITY OF FREEPORT is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held at 7:00pm on September 27, 2017 at the Freeport Police Department Municipal Court located at 430 N Brazosport Blvd in Freeport TX 77541.

The CITY OF FREEPORT proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of infrastructure and street improvements.

(11) The meeting at which this ordinance is being adopted began at 6:00 p.m. and it is being held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, in the Municipal Courtroom of the Police and Courts Building of the City of Freeport, Texas, located therein at 430 Brazosport Boulevard. Prior to the adoption of such ordinance the following motion was made:

"I move to adopt a tax rate of 0.0628005 that represents 0.492570 for maintenance and operation and 0.135435 for interest and sinking,

(12) This ordinance setting such rate was then presented and, after receiving a second, by a record vote such motion and this ordinance were duly adopted, the record vote being:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage	_____
Councilman Larry McDonald	_____
Councilman Brooks Bass	_____
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles	_____
Councilman Roy Yates	_____

(13) That any notices mentioned above that were required by the Tax Code were given in the manner and form and at the time required by such Code.

(14) That there is no additional sales and use tax revenue that will be used to pay debt service, is \$0.628005 per \$100.00 valuation.

SECTION TWO (2) - Appraisal Roll Accepted and Adopted

The City Council of the City hereby accepts and adopts the Certified Appraisal Roll for the City furnished to the Assessor and Collector of the City by the Brazoria County Appraisal District and which is incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION THREE (3) - Tax Rate for Interest and Sinking Fund

The City Council of the City hereby orders, determines and establishes that the tax rate for each \$100.00 valuation of taxable property within the City for the interest and sinking fund shall be \$0.135435 for the tax year 2018.

SECTION FOUR (4) - Tax Rate for General Fund

The City Council of the City hereby orders, determines and establishes that the tax rate for each \$100.00 valuation of taxable property within the City to provide a general fund for maintenance and operation expenses of the City shall be \$0.492570 for the tax year 2018.

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 7.34 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION ON A \$1000,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$6.65.

SECTION FIVE (5) - INTERNET WEBSITE

The City Secretary shall cause the following to be included on the homepage of the City website:

THE CITY OF FREEPORT HAS ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

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 7.34 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION ON A \$1000,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$6.65.

SECTION SIX (6) - Tax Levy; Assessment and Collection

Ad valorem taxes for the tax year 2018 are hereby levied and shall be assessed and collected as herein above set forth City as the ad valorem tax for said year, to-wit: a total tax of \$0.628005 on each \$100.00 valuation of taxable property situated in the City.

SECTION SEVEN (7) - Severance Clause

Any section or provision of this ordinance found to be unconstitutional, void or inoperative by the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction is hereby declared to be severable from the remainder of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION EIGHT (8) - Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Troy T. Brimage, Mayor  
City of Freeport, Texas

ATTEST:

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Delia Muñoz, City Secretary  
City of Freeport, Texas

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

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Wallace Shaw, City Attorney,  
City of Freeport, Texas

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