

ORDINANCE # 23-0907-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE, TEXAS ADOPTING A TAX RATE AND LEVYING A TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE, TEXAS FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; APPORTIONING SAID LEVY AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND ITEMS FOR WHICH REVENUE MUST BE RAISED INCLUDING PROVIDING MONIES TO PAY PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on September 07, 2023, the City Council of the City of China Grove, Texas, approved the municipal budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the City of China Grove, Texas has determined that the tax rate for the City of China Grove for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 should be \$0.206792 on each \$100 valuation of property and,

WHEREAS, the City of China Grove, Texas shall levy the property tax rate for the City of China Grove through the adoption of this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE:

Section 1. There is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of China Grove, Bexar County, Texas (herein the "City") and to provide an Interest and Sinking fund for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, upon all property, real, personal, and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City on January 1, 2023 subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.206792 on each \$100 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

- **\$0.206792 on each \$100 valuation of property for the purpose of Maintenance and Operation.**
- **\$0.00000 for interest and sinking fund for principal and interest on Certificates of Obligation.**

TOTAL TAX RATE \$0.206792

Section 2. The Homesteads exemption made applicable to homesteads owned by owners aged 65 years and older; or who are disabled by Ordinance No. 190404-1 passed and approved on April 4, 2019, is adopted herein for all purposes.

Section 3. Disable Veterans shall be exempt up to such amount entitled by Tax Code, Section 11.22, and Disabled Veterans who receive 100% disability compensation due to a service-related disability and a rating of 100% disability shall be exempt up to such amount entitled by Tax Code 11.131.

Section 4. The Tax Assessor Collector is hereby authorized to assess and collect the taxes of the City of China Grove, employing the above rate.

Section 5. That taxes levied under this Ordinance shall be due October 1, 2023, and if not paid before February 1, 2024, shall immediately become delinquent.

Section 6. All taxes shall become a lien upon property against which assessed, and the Bexar County Tax Assessor/Collector as the assessor and collector of the City is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and ordinances and resolutions of the City, and shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish alien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest, and the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned to the general fund of the City. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from the date of the delinquency at the rate as prescribed by state law.

Section 7. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Section 8. In case any section, phrase, or sentence of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reasons by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding or finding shall not have the effect or result of invalidating any other section or part of this Ordinance.

Section 9. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 7th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023 by the following motion "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.206792, which is effectively a 1.34% increase in the tax rate" which was made by Larry Keller and seconded by David Johnson to approve this ordinance having received 4 votes for and 0 against and 0 abstained.

Mary Ann Hajek
Mary Ann Hajek, Mayor

ATTEST
Susan Conaway
Susan Conaway, City Secretary

Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Name	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Larry Keller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Mark Dubay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Gail Beaver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
David Windhorst	<u>absent</u>	_____	_____
David Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____