

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-0027**

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK, TEXAS FOR TAX YEAR 2019 AT A RATE OF .5850 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK, TEXAS; SPECIFYING SEPARATE COMPONENTS OF SUCH RATE FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AND FOR DEBT SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR DUE AND DELINQUENT DATES TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor and Collector of Galveston County has performed the statutory calculations required by Section 26.04 of the Texas Tax Code, and has published the effective tax rate, the rollback tax rate, an explanation of how they were calculated, and has fulfilled all other requirements for publication as contained in Section 26.04(e) of the Texas Tax Code: and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Hitchcock published notice of its proposed tax rate as required by law and conducted public hearings on the proposed tax rate on August 26, 2019 and September 9, 2019;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** An ad valorem tax rate of \$0.5850 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation is hereby adopted for the 2019 tax year; such rate consisting of the following specified components:

a) **FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS:** \$0.5850 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation.

b) **FOR PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON DEBT OF THIS CITY:** \$0.000 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation.

**Section 2.** In accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 26.05 of the Texas Tax Code, the City Commission hereby states that **THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

**Section 3.** In accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 26.05 of the Texas Tax Code, the City Commission hereby states that **THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 17% AND WILL RAISE TAXES**

FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$85.


**Section 4.** All taxes levied by virtue of this Ordinance shall be due and payable on October 1, 2019 and shall become delinquent after the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2020. If any person fails to pay ad valorem taxes on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2020, the penalties and interest set forth under Section 33.01 of the Texas Tax Code shall apply.

**Section 5.** The Galveston County Tax Assessor-Collector in Galveston, Texas is hereby authorized to assess and collect the taxes of the City of Hitchcock, Texas, employing the above stated tax rate.

**Section 6.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.


**Section 7.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 16th day of September, 2019.

  
**Randy Strickland, Mayor**  
City of Hitchcock

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
**Ruthann Sorrell, City Secretary**  
City of Hitchcock

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**Kyle L. Dickson, City Attorney**  
City of Hitchcock