

ORDINANCE NO. 3621



AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 78, SECTION 78-57, TO ADOPT AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF THE RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR INDIVIDUALS SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$80,000.00); PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Constitution and Section 11.13 (d) of the Texas Property Tax Code authorizes the City Council of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, to provide for an exemption from taxation by the City of a portion of the appraised value of a residence homestead of individuals who are sixty-five (65) years of age, or older, and for individuals who are disabled; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, desires to increase the amount of the residence homestead exemption for individuals who are sixty-five (65) years of age, or older, and for individuals who are disabled;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, be, and the same is hereby amended by amending Chapter 78, Section 78-57 to read as follows:

“Sec. 78-57. - Exemption for individuals sixty-five or older.

Pursuant to the Texas Constitution and V.T.C.A., Property Tax Code § 11.13(d), \$80,000.00 of the appraised value of the residence homestead of an individual who is 65 years of age, or older, shall be exempt from ad valorem taxes beginning tax year 2020 and continuing thereafter, provided such person qualifies and makes application for the exemption in accordance with the Texas Property Tax Code.”

SECTION 2. That all provisions of the ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as the law and charter in such cases provide.

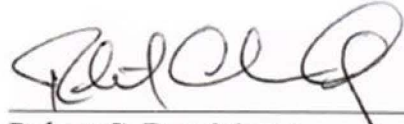
**DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS
BRANCH, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:




Amy Piukana, City Secretary



Robert C. Dye, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Peter G. Smith, City Attorney
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