

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS, DIRECTING THE CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR TO CALCULATE THE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR A SPECIAL TAXING UNIT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Saginaw is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbot issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for all counties within the State of Texas in response to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Mayor Todd Flippo executed a Declaration of Local Disaster, for the City of Saginaw pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 26.04(c-1) of the Texas Tax Code provides that “the governing body of a taxing unit . . . may direct the designated officer or employee to calculate the voter-approval tax rate of the taxing unit in the manner provided for a special taxing unit if any part of the taxing unit is located in an area declared a disaster area during the current tax year by the governor or by the president of the United States;” and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, the City Council designated the City Finance Director as the designated officer responsible for calculating tax rates for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary to direct the City Finance Director to calculate the voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

That, in accordance with Section 26.04(c-1) of the Texas Tax Code, the City Council hereby directs the City Finance Director to calculate the voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit.

That this resolution shall be effective immediately from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of Saginaw, Texas, on this the 21st day of July, 2020.

CITY OF SAGINAW

BY: _____
Todd Flippo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice England, City Secretary