

RESOLUTION NO. 334

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN TO CALCULATE THE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR A SPECIAL TAXING UNIT BY USING AN 8% THRESHOLD FOR NEW REVENUE INSTEAD OF 3.5% AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS TAX CODE SECTION 26.04(C-1) DUE TO THE GOVERNOR'S STATE-WIDE DECLARATION OF DISASTER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS:

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation declaring that the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States constitutes a national emergency.

March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a disaster in every Texas county due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the City of Highland Haven and the Board of Alderman foresees that an increased expenditure of money by the City of Highland Haven will be necessary to respond to the disaster.

As a result of the disaster declaration, an election is not required under Section 26.07 of the Texas Tax Code to approve the tax rate adopted by the Highland Haven Board of Alderman for the year following the year in which the disaster occurred.

As a result of the foregoing, Section 26.04(c-1) of the Texas Tax Code authorizes the Board of Alderman of the City of Highland Haven to direct the designated officer or employee to calculate the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Highland Haven in the manner provided for a special taxing unit.

Section 26.04(c-1) of the Texas Tax Code provides that the officer or employee continue calculating the voter approval tax rate in the same manner until the earlier of (1) the second tax year in which the total taxable value of property taxable by the City of Highland Haven as shown on the appraisal roll for the City of Highland Haven submitted by the tax assessor for the City of Highland Haven to the Highland Haven Board of Alderman exceeds the total taxable value of property taxable by the City of Highland Haven on January 1 of the tax year in which the disaster occurred, or (2) the third tax year after the tax year in which the disaster occurred.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The Board of Alderman finds that the recitals above are true and they are hereby adopted as a matter of public record. The recitals shall become a part of the legislative history pertaining to the adoption of this resolution and shall serve to document the extraordinary circumstances existing at the time of its approval.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, as the designated officer for the City of Highland Haven, is directed to calculate the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Highland Haven in the manner provided for a special taxing unit as provided in Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code.

SECTION 3. As set forth in Texas Tax Code Section 26.04(c)(2)(A), the voter-approval rate for a special taxing unit is the city's maintenance and operations rate times 1.08 plus the current debt rate.

SECTION 4. The Mayor or his successor shall continue calculating the voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided by this resolution until the earlier of:

(1) the second tax year in which the total taxable value of property taxable by the City of Highland Haven as shown on the appraisal roll for the City of Highland Haven submitted by the tax assessor for the City of Highland Haven to the Highland Haven Board of Alderman exceeds the total taxable value of property taxable by the City of Highland Haven on January 1 of the current tax year; or


(2) the third tax year after the current tax year.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

ADOPTED on August 4, 2020.

ATTEST:

CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS


Jeannie Gruetzner, City Secretary


Olan Kelley, Mayor

