

**ORDINANCE # 21-0922-3**

**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 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; 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 22, 2021, the City Council of the City of China Grove, Texas, approved the municipal budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of China Grove, Texas has determined that the tax rate for the City of China Grove for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 should be \$0.204049 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 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, upon all property, real, personal, and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City on January 1, 2021 subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.204049 on each \$100 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

- **\$0.204049 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      \$0.204049**

**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, 2021, and if not paid before February 1, 2022, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021** by the following motion "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.204049 , which is effectively a 4.4557% increase in the tax rate" which was made by Margie Holisky and seconded by Gail Beaver to approve this ordinance having received 5 votes for and 0 against and 0 abstained.

Mary Ann Hajek  
 Mary Ann Hajek, Mayor

ATTEST  
Leslie Bettice  
 Leslie Bettice, City Secretary

Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Name	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Larry Keller	✓	_____	_____
Margie Holisky	✓	_____	_____
Gail Beaver	✓	_____	_____
David Windhorst	✓	_____	_____
Frank Bennett	✓	_____	_____