

**Bastrop, TX City Council
Special Meeting Agenda**
Bastrop City Hall City Council Chambers
1311 Chestnut Street
Bastrop, TX 78602
(512) 332-8800



August 1, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

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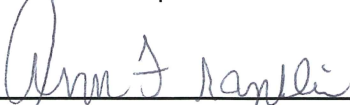
1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 2A. Consider action to approve Resolution R-2017-57 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, to place a proposal to adopt a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (FY2018) on the agenda of a future meeting as an action item and schedule two public hearings on the proposal; and providing an effective date.

3. ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting as posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Bastrop City Hall, a place of convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website, www.cityofbastrop.org and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: Friday, July 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.



Ann Franklin, City Secretary



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 8/1/2017

AGENDA ITEM: 2A

TITLE:

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STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Lynda Humble, City Manager
Tracy Waldron, Chief Financial Officer

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Truth-in-taxation is a concept embodied in the Texas Constitution and the Tax Code that requires local taxing units to make taxpayers aware of tax rate proposals. When a proposed tax rate exceeds the rollback rate or the effective rate, whichever is lower, the taxing unit's governing body must vote to place a proposal to adopt the rate on the agenda of a future meeting as an action item. This vote must be recorded. The proposal must specify the desired rate. A taxing unit cannot vote to adopt a proposal to increase taxes by an unspecified amount. If the motion passes, the governing body must schedule two public hearing on the proposal.

There are four principles to truth-in-taxation:

- Property owners have a right to know about increases in their properties' appraised value and to be notified of the estimated taxes that could result from the new value.
- A taxing unit must publish its effective and rollback tax rates before adopting an actual tax rate.
- A taxing unit must publish special notices and hold two public hearings before adopting a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the rollback rate or the effective tax rate.
- If a taxing unit adopts a rate that exceeds the rollback rate, voters may petition for an election to limit the rate to the rollback rate.

The effective rate is a calculated rate that would provide the taxing unit with about the same amount of revenue it received in the prior year on properties taxed in both years. If property values rise, the effective tax rate will go down and vice versa. The rollback rate provides the taxing unit with about the same amount of tax revenue if spent the previous year for day to day operations, plus an extra eight (8) percent increase for those operations, in addition to sufficient funds to pay debt service in the coming year.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

City staff is considering a tax rate up to \$0.5640 including an operations and maintenance (O&M) tax rate of \$0.3643 and a debt service (I&S) tax rate of \$0.1997 per \$100 in taxable value.

The effective tax rate, which shows the relation between prior year's revenue and the current year's value, has been calculated by City staff and certified by the Bastrop Central Appraisal District to be \$0.5383. The rollback rate, which is the maximum rate that can be applied and not be subject to a rollback petition, has been calculated by staff and certified by the Bastrop Central Appraisal District to be \$0.5733. These rates will be published in the local newspaper, the City's website, and the government access cable channel as required by State law.

TAX RATE					
Fiscal Year	Property Tax Rate	Effective Tax Rate	Effective M&O Tax Rate	Rollback Tax Rate	Debt Rate
2017-2018	0.5640	0.5383	0.3460	0.5733	0.1997
2016-2017	0.5640	0.5577	0.3640	0.5674	0.2000

The tax rate being considered by City staff is up to \$0.5640, which is more than the effective tax rate. When a proposed tax rate exceeds the rollback rate or the effective rate, whichever is lower, the taxing unit's governing body must vote to place a proposal to adopt the rate on the agenda of a future meeting as an action item. If the motion passes, the governing body must schedule two public hearings on the proposal. City staff proposes that these public hearings be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 and Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:30pm. These public hearings will be held in the City Council Chambers, located in City Hall at 1311 Chestnut St. Bastrop, TX 78602.

FUNDING SOURCE:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider action to approve Resolution R-2017-57 to place a proposal to adopt a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (FY2018) on the agenda of a future meeting and schedule two public hearings on the proposal; and providing an effective date.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution R-2017-57

RESOLUTION NO. R-2017-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, TO PLACE A PROPOSAL TO ADOPT THE FY2017-2018 TAX RATE ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING AS AN ACTION ITEM; SCHEDULING TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it advisable to give notice of its intent to propose a tax rate for the City of Bastrop, Texas as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public and public notice of the meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

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

SECTION 1: That the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, does hereby order that two public hearings be scheduled in the future to consider a proposal to adopt a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, and that notice of an effective tax rate and a rollback tax rate for the City for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 is hereby authorized to be published as required by law.

SECTION 2: That notices of public hearings on tax increases for the City of Bastrop, Texas for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 are hereby authorized to be published as required by law.

SECTION 3: That the City Secretary shall cause said notices to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of said City, as required by Section 26.05(d), Texas Tax Code, for at least 7 days prior to the date of the two public hearings.

SECTION 4: That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop this 1st day of August, 2017.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS

APPROVED:

Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David F. Bragg, City Attorney