

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: Eric Strong, City Manager
Date: September 16, 2014
Subject: Ordinance No. 1283-14 setting the 2014 ad valorem Tax Rate at \$0.528094

Council Action Requested:

Approve Ordinance No. 1283-14 setting the 2014 ad valorem Tax Rate at \$0.528094.

Background Information:

This ordinance establishes the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014-15 at **\$0.528094** per \$100 valuation.

The **\$0.528094** tax rate is divided into the Maintenance and Operations Rate (the M & O rate) and the Debt Service Rate, that portion of the rate necessary to pay the interest and provide a sinking fund for the payment of each issue of bonds issued for various City purposes (the I & S rate). The total M & O portion of the tax rate is **\$0.469092**. The debt service portion of the rate is **\$0.059002**.

Board/Citizen Input:

City Council held the first public hearing on the 2014 tax rate during the September 2, 2014 Council meeting. City Council held the second public hearing on the 2014 tax rate during the September 9, 2014 Council meeting.

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Attachments:

Ordinance No. 1283-14

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ORDINANCE 1283-14

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING CITY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR 2014, AND DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF.

Whereas, the City Council finds that a tax for the year 2014, hereinafter levied for current expenses of the City and the general improvement of the City and its property must be levied to provide the revenue requirements of the budget for the ensuing year; and

Whereas, the City Council further finds that taxes for the year 2014, hereinafter levied are necessary to pay interest and to provide the required sinking fund on outstanding bonds of the City issued for City purposes; and

Whereas, the tax rate proposed by the City Council exceeds the effective tax rate for the year 2014; and

Whereas, public notice of the two required public hearings on the proposed tax rate, stating the date, time, place, and subject matter of said public hearings, was given as required by the laws of the State of Texas, and

Whereas, such public hearings were held on September 2, 2014 and September 9, 2014, prior approval of such date being hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Council, and all those wishing to speak on the proposed tax rate were heard; and

Whereas, the City Council listened to the comments of the tax payers at the public hearings and has determined that the proposed tax rate as set out below is in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS:

Section 1. For the current expenses of the City and for the general improvement of the City and its property, there is hereby levied and ordered to be assessed and collected for the year 2014 on all property situated within the limits of Richland Hills, and not exempt from taxation by valid laws, an Ad Valorem tax at the rate of **\$.469092** per \$100 of the assessed valuation of such property.

Section 2. For the purpose of paying interest and providing a sinking fund for the payment of each issue of bonds issued for various City purposes, including the various installments of principle falling due during the ensuing year on bonds issued for such purposes, and for the purpose of paying interest and making provision for the sinking fund on such other bonds as may be issued for various City purposes during the ensuing year, there is hereby levied and ordered to be assessed and collected for the year 2014 on all property situated within the limits of Richland Hills, and not exempt from taxation by valid laws, an Ad Valorem tax at the rate of **\$ 0.059002** per \$100.00 of the assessed valuation of such property.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor Bill Agan

ATTEST: _____
City Secretary Cathy Bourg