CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS, CALLING AN ELECTION AT THE NEXT UNIFORM DATE IN 2024 PURSUANT TO THE SUBMITTED PETITION TO REDUCE THE TAX RATE FROM THE ADOPTED RATE OF $.437815 TO THE VOTER APPROVAL RATE OF $.335372 FOR THE FY 2023-2024 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rhome kept the tax rate level from the 2022-2023 to the 2023-2024 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 fiscal year tax rate exceeded the voter approval rate by $.102443; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council received a valid petition that requires the City to hold an election for the higher tax rate; and,

WHEREAS, the submitted petition was validated with the required number of signatures for the election.

WHEREAS, the City of Rhome, Texas ("City") is a Type A general law municipality governed by Chapter 6 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Election Code establishes May 4, 2024, as the uniform election date for the general election for the City; and

WHEREAS, it is the City Council's intent that the election be conducted jointly with other political subdivisions of Wise County and be administered by the Wise County Elections Administrator in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, it is City Council's intent that the City accept the Wise County Election Administrator's use of the direct recording electronic voting system, which has been certified by the Secretary of State in accordance with the Texas Election Code and approved by the United States Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Ordinance is considered is open to the public as required by law, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by Section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code.

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

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas, hereby calls an election for the adopted 2024 tax rate for a rollback election on May 4, 2024.

SECTION 2. EARLY VOTING. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted on the following dates and times beginning April 22, 2024, and ending April 30, 2024.

The main early voting location is the Rhome Community Center, 261 School Road, Rhome, TX 76078

April 22, 2024	Monday	8:00am - 5:00pm
April 23, 2024	Tuesday	8:00am - 5:00pm
April 24, 2024	Wednesday	8:00am - 5:00pm
April 25, 2024	Thursday	8:00am - 5:00pm
April 26, 2024	Friday	8:00am - 5:00pm
April 29, 2024	Monday	8:00am - 5:00pm
April 30, 2024	Tuesday	8:00am - 5:00pm

SECTION 3. ELECTION DAY. The elections shall be held jointly with other political subdivisions of Wise County on Saturday, May 4, 2024, between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm.

SECTION 4. ELECTION NOTICES. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to file, publish and/or post, in the time and manner prescribed by law all notices required to be so filed, published, or posted in connection with these elections and to provide and furnish ballot wording to the County election officials.

SECTION 5. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICIALS. All election officials, including but not limited to the Early Voting Clerk and election judges, shall be the officials appointed to such positions by Wise County, and to the extent required by law, are hereby so appointed.

SECTION 6. DIRECT RECORDING SYSTEM. In accordance with Section 123.001 of the Texas Election Code, the Direct Recording Electronic Voting Systems approved by the Secretary of State are hereby adopted for the election on May 4, 2024.

SECTION 7. ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEM. Section 61.012 of the Code requires that the City must provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in Texas election on or after January 1, 2006. The City shall use, in Early Voting and Election Day Voting, a voter assist terminal as approved by the Secretary of State.

SECTION 8. ELECTION MATERIALS. The election materials specified in the Texas Election Code shall be printed in both English and Spanish for use at the polling places and for early voting for the election and provisions shall be made for oral assistance to Spanish speaking voters.

SECTION 9. ELECTION RESPONSIBILITY. The City shall contract with the Wise County Elections Administrator to perform all duties normally performed by the City Secretary in regular elections with respect to early voting, election day voting, and preparing the official ballots.

SECTION 10. The election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the Constitution of the State of Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas, this the 8th day of February 2024, by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas.

Patricia Mitchell, Mayor or
Michelle Tye, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Shaina Odom, City Secretary

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carvan Adkins, City Attorney