



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Government Performance and Financial Management

AGENDA DATE: September 18, 2019

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): N/A

DEPARTMENT: Office of Budget

EXECUTIVE: Elizabeth Reich

SUBJECT

An ordinance setting the tax rate at \$0.7766 per \$100 assessed valuation which includes \$0.5691 for the General Fund and \$0.2075 for the Debt Service Fund, and levying ad valorem taxes for the City of Dallas, Texas for FY 2019-20 - Estimated Levy: \$1,089,085,447.28 (see Fiscal Information)

BACKGROUND

The City Manager's recommended budget for FY 2019-20 increased the property tax rate from \$0.7767 to \$0.7800 per \$100 assessed valuation. Through Council amendments, the tax rate under consideration was decreased by \$0.0034 to \$0.7766 per \$100 assessed valuation.

The tax rate option under consideration by the City Council is \$0.5691 for the general fund and \$0.2075 for debt service fund, totaling \$0.7766 per \$100 assessed valuation. The rate of \$0.7766 will fund the FY 2019-20 budget. Per Section 26.05 of Texas Property Tax Code, the vote on the ordinance setting of the tax rate must be a record vote and specific language is required in the motion setting the tax rate, as follows:

"I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.7766 per \$100 assessed valuation, which is effectively a 4.40 percent increase in the tax rate."

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

City Council was briefed on the proposed tax rate at a Budget Workshop on August 13, 2019.

On August 13, 2019, City Council authorized public hearings to be held on September 4, 2019 and September 11, 2019 and authorized a proposal to consider adoption of a tax rate of \$ 0.7800 per \$100 assessed valuation or a lower tax rate proposed by Council on September 18, 2019, by Resolution No. 19-1174.

On September 4, 2019, City Council held a public hearing to receive comments on a \$0.7800 per \$100 valuation property tax rate for the 2019-20 fiscal year as discussed on August 13, 2019, by Resolution No. 19-1375.

On September 11, 2019, City Council held a public hearing to receive comments on a \$0.7800 per \$100 valuation property tax rate for the 2019-20 fiscal year as discussed on August 13, 2019.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Estimated revenues are calculated using a tax rate of \$0.5691 for the General Fund and \$0.2075 for Debt Service Fund, totaling \$0.7766 per \$100 assessed valuation.

General Fund Estimated Revenue: \$798,092,361.64

Debt Service Fund Estimated Revenue: \$290,993,085.64