

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, ADOPTING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR 2025 AT A RATE OF \$0.572058 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, following public notices duly posted and published as required by law, a public hearing was held on September 29, 2025, by and before the City Council of the City of Ames, the subject of which was the proposed tax rate for the City of Ames for 2025 tax year, submitted in accordance with provisions of required state statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, upon full consideration of the matter, is of the opinion that the tax rate hereinafter set forth is proper and should be approved and adopted.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby levied and shall be assessed for the 2025 tax year on all taxable property situated within the corporate limits of the City of Ames, Texas, and not exempt by the Constitution of the State and valid State laws, a tax of \$0.572058 on each \$100 assessed valuation of taxable property as follows:

- (a) for the purpose of the maintenance and operation of the municipal government of the City of Ames, a tax of \$0.421710 on each \$100 assessed value on all taxable property; and
- (b) for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on all Debt Service of the City of Ames, a tax of \$0.150348 on each \$100 assessed value on all taxable property.

THE TOTAL TAX LEVY ON ALL PROPERTIES WILL INCREASE BY \$45,215.66, or 14.47 PERCENT, COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAX LEVY.

SECTION 2. The tax roll, prepared by Richard Brown, Liberty County Tax Assessor-Collector, as presented to the City Council, together with any supplements thereto, be and the same are hereby approved.

SECTION 3. Should any word, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. All ordinances of the City of Ames, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed; provided, however, that all other provisions of said ordinances not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law in such cases provides.

SECTION 6. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

PASSED & ADOPTED this, the 29th day of September 2025 by the following City Council of Ames roll call vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Trahan	<u>✓</u> for	_____ against	_____ abstain	_____ absent
Council Member Hardy	<u>✓</u> for	_____ against	_____ abstain	_____ absent
Council Member White	<u>✓</u> for	_____ against	_____ abstain	_____ absent
Council Member Freeman, Jr.	_____ for	_____ against	_____ abstain	<u>✓</u> absent
Council Member Burgos	<u>✓</u> for	_____ against	_____ abstain	_____ absent

CITY OF AMES:

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Barbara Domain, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wellona Godfrey
Wellona Godfrey, City Secretary