

RESOLUTION NO. 011-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS, DIRECTING THE BUDGET OFFICER OR DESIGNEE TO CALCULATE THE VOTER APPROVAL TAX RATE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR A SPECIAL TAXING UNIT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and advised countries to prepare for the containment, including active surveillance, early detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing, and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, continuous spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness or loss of life resulting from a global pandemic and other public calamity resulting therefrom, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump declared a State of National Emergency for the United States of America on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas based on the imminent threat posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott most recently extended the declaration of disaster for all counties in Texas on August 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the economic challenges and threats presented by COVID-19 require a thoughtfully conscientious approach to the fiscal affairs of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Highland Park Town Council is committed to continuing its long tradition of financial stewardship on behalf of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Highland Park Town Council wishes to direct the Budget Officer or Designee to calculate the voter approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit in accordance with Section 26.04 of the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Highland Park Town Council declares it in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the public to adopt this resolution; and

WHEREAS, all prerequisites for the adoption of this resolution have been met, including but not limited to the Open Meetings Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That, all matters stated hereinabove are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2. That, the Budget Officer or Designee is hereby directed to calculate the voter approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit by using an 8% threshold for new revenue instead of 3.5%, as authorized by Texas Tax Code Section 26.04.

SECTION 4. That, the Budget Officer has designated the Dallas County Tax Assessor Collector under their agreement with the Town to perform this calculation.

SECTION 5. That, this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is accordingly so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Highland Park, Texas, on this 18th day of August 2020, by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Matthew C.G. Boyle
Town Attorney

APPROVED:


Margo Goodwin
Mayor

ATTEST:


Tempest Brunson
Interim Town Secretary