ORDINANCE NO. 20210610-094

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE VALUE OF THE EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES FOR A PERCENTAGE OF THE APPRAISED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEADS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

- **PART 1.** Council finds that Texas Tax Code Section 11.13 authorizes a percentage exemption from ad valorem (property) taxes on the appraised value of residential homesteads.
- **PART 2.** Council finds that it has adopted an exemption under Texas Tax Code Section 11.13 in the amount of 10%.
- **PART 3.** Council finds that it is in the public interest to change this exemption at this time so that the tax rate calculations can be properly calculated with the increased amount.
- **PART 4.** Council finds that Texas Tax Code Section 11.13(n) states that "[i]n addition to any other exemptions provided by this section, an individual is entitled to an exemption from taxation by a taxing unit of a percentage of the appraised value of his residence homestead if the exemption is adopted by the governing body of the taxing unit before July 1 in the manner provided by law for official action by the body. If the percentage set by the taxing unit produces an exemption in a tax year of less than \$5,000 when applied to a particular residence homestead, the individual is entitled to an exemption of \$5,000 of the appraised value. The percentage adopted by the taxing unit may not exceed 20 percent."
- **PART 5.** Council adopts 20% as the percentage exemption from ad valorem taxes for the appraised value of residential homesteads.
- **PART 6.** As set forth in Texas Tax Code Section 11.13, joint or community owners of property may not each receive the same exemption adopted by the ordinance for the same residence homestead.

| PART 7. The partial exemption adopted pursuant to this ordinance applies to the tax year beginning January 1, 2021. |
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| PART 8. This ordinance takes effect on June 21, 2021. |
| PASSED AND APPROVED |
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| Steve Adle Mayor |
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| APPROVED: Anne L. Morgan ATTEST: Jannette S. Goodall City Attorney City Clerk |
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