

July 26, 2020

MEMORANDUM TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Charles P. Potucek, City Manager
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager

FROM: David J. Felix, Chief Finance Officer
Jennifer Osburn, Interim Budget Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM PLACEMENT
ORDINANCE 2020-XXX Fiscal Year 2020/2021
Property Tax Levy

BACKGROUND

Attached please find the property tax levy ordinance for FY2021.

The proposed primary property tax levy rate is \$0.1106 per \$100 of assessed value. This is a decrease in the rate the City has levied for FY20. This levy will generate an estimated \$372,034 this fiscal year. This is an increase from \$364,370 in FY20 and \$359,833 in FY19. The slight increase is due to new construction and increased valuation.

If the City kept the levy limits the same as 0.1124, it would raise additional revenue but would be subject to include disclosure, publication, advertising and roll call vote for the truth and taxation notice. Staff recommends lowering the tax levy amount from 0.1124 to 0.1106. The City is not required to publish truth in taxation notices for the property tax levy at this proposed new rate.

State budget law requires final adoption by the third Monday in August.

ORDINANCE 2020-XXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA; LEVYING UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA SUBJECT TO TAXATION A CERTAIN SUM UPON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET, LESS THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM FINES, LICENSES, AND OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE; PROVIDING A GENERAL FUND FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL EXPENSES ALL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY OR THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND AGENTS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

WHEREAS, by the provisions of the state law, the ordinance levying taxes for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 is required to be adopted not later than the third Monday in August; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cochise is the assessing and collecting authority for the City of Sierra Vista, the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this ordinance to the Assessor and the Board of Supervisors of Cochise County, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, it is settled policy of the City Council to adopt the ordinance levying property taxes for the fiscal year not later than the third Monday in August.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

There is hereby levied on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed value of all property, both real and personal, within the corporate limits of the City of Sierra Vista, except such property as may be by law exempt from taxation, a tax rate sufficient to raise the sum of Three Hundred Seventy Two Thousand and Thirty Four Dollars (\$372,034) for the purpose of providing the City of Sierra Vista for the fiscal year ending on the 30th day of June, 2021, but not to exceed the \$0.1106 per each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property in the City of Sierra Vista subject to taxation.

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SECTION 2

There is no secondary tax levied upon the property within the corporate limits of the City of Sierra Vista for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 3

No failure by the county officials of Cochise County, Arizona, to properly return the delinquent list and no irregularity in the assessment or omission in the same, or irregularity of any kind in any proceedings shall invalidate such proceedings or invalidate any title conveyed by any tax deed; nor shall any failure or neglect of any officer or officers to perform any of the duties assigned to him or to them on the day within the time specified, work an invalidation or any proceedings or of any such deed or sale or affect the validity of the collection of the same may be enforced or in any manner affect the lien of the City upon such property for the delinquent taxes unpaid thereon, and no overcharge as to part of the taxes or of costs shall invalidate any proceedings for the collection of taxes or the foreclosure; and the acts of officers de facto shall be valid as if prepared by officers de jure.

SECTION 4

Should any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5

That the City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, or their duly authorized officers and agents are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this Ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, THIS 13th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

FREDERICK W. MUELLER, II
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JILL ADAMS
City Clerk

NATHAN J WILLIAMS
City Attorney

PREPARED BY: Jen Osburn, Interim Budget Officer