

FACT SHEET

TITLE

An ordinance levying various taxes totaling Seventeen and Twenty-Nine One Hundredths (17 and 29/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, Louisiana for the year 2017, in the amounts and for the purposes described herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

DATE

April 11, 2017

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Finance

COUNCIL DISTRICT

City-wide

SPONSOR

PURPOSE

The purpose of this **Ordinance #1 of 2** (identified as **Ordinance No. 42 of 2017**) is to:

- *set forth, designate and adopt* the **adjusted ad valorem millage rate** determined at reassessment in 2016; **AND**
- *levy* the **ad valorem tax millage** on all property subject to ad valorem taxation in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana for the year 2017.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ad valorem taxes must be levied each year by the City Council in order for the Tax Assessors of Caddo and Bossier Parish to assess taxable property and for the Director of Finance, who is designated as the Ex Officio Tax Collector under [Section 10.02\(k\)](#) of the City Charter to collect the taxes.

All property is required to be re-assessed every four (4) years and the millage rates are adjusted accordingly. The total amount of ad valorem taxes collected by the City in the year in which there is a reappraisal of property values can't increase or decrease because of the reappraisal above or below the total collected in the preceding year.

In May of 2016, the City received information from the Tax Assessor stating the assessed value of properties within the City had increased. Accordingly, the adjusted millages **decreased from 17.650 to 17.290 mills** as recorded in **Ordinance No. 88A of 2016**.

Later in November 2016, when the City received the actual tax rolls the assessed values of property within the City had actually decreased, rather than increased as the City was initially informed in May. The result of this actual decrease in assessed value in tax year 2016 resulted in a **loss of approximately \$600,000** for the City when compared to 2015. Therefore, had the City received the correct final assessed values in May of 2016, the assessed millages adopted by **Ordinance No. 88A of 2016** *would have remained at 17.650 mills*.

In order to prevent this loss in revenue for 2017 the City should invoke another section of the State Constitution to restore/increase the millage rates. (i.e. "roll forward") State law allows the City to roll forward millage rates back up to the maximum authorized rate which is 17.650 mills. This "roll forward" can be accomplished with the adoption of another ordinance (Ordinance #2 of 2; identified as **Ordinance No. 43 of 2017**).

The 2017 millages are as follows:

No.	DESCRIPTION	2016	
		REASSESSMENT YEAR	MILLAGE RATE
1	General Alimony Tax	10.090	mills
2	Recreational Facilities Tax	0.810	mills
3	Three-Platoon System Tax	1.440	mills
4	Street Improvement Tax	1.100	mills
5	Salary and Wage Schedule Tax	1.100	mills
6	Police & Fire Personnel, Uniforms and Equipment Tax	1.100	mills
7	Pensions, Employee Life Insurance and Hospitalization Plan for City Employees	1.650	mills
Total Mills		17.290	mills

ORDINANCE NO. 42 OF 2017

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING VARIOUS TAXES TOTALING SEVENTEEN AND TWENTY-NINE ONE HUNDREDTHS (17 AND 29/100THS) MILLS PER DOLLAR ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA FOR THE YEAR 2017, IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBER:
DISTRICT: _____

WHEREAS, ad valorem taxes must be levied each year by the City Council in order for the Tax Assessors of Caddo and Bossier Parish to assess taxable property and for the Director of Finance, who is designated as the Ex Officio Tax Collector under [Section 10.02\(k\)](#) of the City Charter to collect the taxes; and

WHEREAS, in any year in which the reappraisal and valuation provisions of [Article VII, Section 18 \(F\)](#) of the Louisiana Constitution are implemented, [Article VII, Section 23 \(B\)](#) requires the City Council to adjust the ad valorem tax millages of the City of Shreveport so that the total amount of ad valorem taxes collected shall not be increased or decreased because of said reappraisal or valuation; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with said requirement, the City Council adjusted said millages for the year 2017 using the information received in May of 2016; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2016, the City received information from the Tax Assessor stating the assessed value of properties within the City had increased. Accordingly, the adjusted millages **decreased from 17.650 to 17.290 mills** as recorded in **Ordinance No. 88A of 2016**; and

WHEREAS, later in November 2016, when the City received the actual tax rolls the assessed values of property within the City had actually decreased, rather than increased as the City was initially informed in May. The result of this actual decrease in assessed value in tax year 2016 resulted in a **loss of approximately \$600,000** for the City when compared to 2015. Therefore, had the City received the correct final assessed values in May of 2016, the assessed millages adopted by **Ordinance No. 88A of 2016** *would have remained at 17.650 mills*; and

WHEREAS, in order to prevent this loss in revenue for 2017 the City should invoke another section of the State Constitution to restore/increase the millage rates. (i.e. “roll forward”) State law allows the City to roll forward millage rates back up to the maximum

authorized rate which is 17.650 mills. This “roll forward” can be accomplished with the adoption of another ordinance (Ordinance #2 of 2; identified as **Ordinance No. 43 of 2017**); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to [City Charter Section 10.02 \(K\)](#) the director of finance shall have charge of the financial affairs of the City and, to that end, he shall, with the approval of the chief administrative officer collect all taxes and licenses the collection of which is not assigned by law or ordinances to some other officer or agency. In the collection of taxes the director of finance shall be the ex officio tax collector of the City of Shreveport and shall have all the powers and duties conferred by law on tax collectors of cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that:

1. **GENERAL ALIMONY TAX.** An ad valorem tax of **Ten and Nine One Hundredths (10 and 09/100ths) mills per dollar** of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, for the year 2017; *for the purpose of* general operating expenses of the General Fund.
2. **RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TAX.** An ad valorem tax of **Eighty-One One Hundredths (81/100ths) mills per dollar** of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, for the year 2017; *for the purpose of* operating and supplying recreational facilities and appurtenances and maintaining the same, title to which shall be in the public, in accordance with the results of a special election held April 6, 2013.
3. **THREE PLATOON SYSTEM TAX.** An ad valorem tax of **One and Forty-Four One Hundredths (1 and 44/100ths) mills per dollar** of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, for the year 2017; *for the purpose of* providing revenues sufficient to enable the City of Shreveport to provide a three-platoon system in the Police Department, now in effect in the City of Shreveport in accordance with Act 323 of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 1936.
4. **STREET IMPROVEMENT TAX.** An ad valorem tax of **One and Ten One Hundredths (1 and 10/100ths) mills per dollar** of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, for the year 2017; *for the purpose of* improving, repairing and maintaining the

streets of the City of Shreveport, title to which shall be in the public, in accordance with the results of a special election held April 6, 2013.

5. **SALARY AND WAGE SCHEDULE TAX.** An ad valorem tax of **One and Ten One Hundredths (1 and 10/100ths) mills per dollar** of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, for the year 2017; *for the purpose of* continuing the salary and wage schedule of City employees, in accordance with the results of a special election held April 6, 2013.
6. **POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL, UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT TAX.** An ad valorem tax of **One and Ten One Hundredths (1 and 10/100ths) mills per dollar** of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, for the year 2017; *for the purpose of* police and fire personnel and allowance for uniforms and equipment for said departments, in accordance with the results of a special election held April 6, 2013.
7. **TAX FOR PENSIONS, EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE AND HOSPITALIZATION PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.** An ad valorem tax of **One and Sixty-Five One Hundredths (1 and 65/100ths) mills per dollar** of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, for the year 2017; *for the purpose of* providing funds for the City's portion of pensions, employee life insurance and hospitalization plan for City employees, in accordance with the results of a special election held April 6, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be full authority to the Tax Assessor of the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana and the Tax Assessor of the Parish of Bossier, Louisiana, to extend the taxes herein levied on the assessment rolls of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana for the year 2017.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED the tax collector of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED the Director of Finance, Ex Officio Tax Collector of the City of Shreveport, is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to cause said taxes, as herein above set forth, to be spread upon the tax roll of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana for the

year 2017, to collect said ad valorem taxes for and on behalf of said City, according to law, and to place the same to the credit of the funds described herein above as authorized by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of Council shall provide a certified copy of this ordinance to the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish and the Tax Assessor of Bossier Parish immediately after its final passage and adoption by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office