

Ordinance No. 09152026 – 1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS FIXING AND ESTABLISHING A TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027 (FY 2027).

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas (the "City Council") must adopt an Ad Valorem Tax by ordinance pursuant to Section 26.04(b) of the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, the City Council voted to approve a proposed tax rate of \$0.6300 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY 2027); and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on said proposed tax rate was held on September 15, 2026, for which notice was published in accordance with Section 26.06 of the Texas Tax Code;

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

Section 1. An ad valorem tax rate of \$0.6300 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City is hereby adopted for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY 2027), as shown below:

Maintenance and Operation: \$0.5808/\$100

Interest and Sinking: \$0.0492/\$100

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

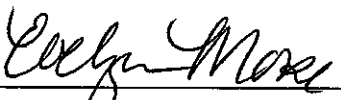
THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 10.98 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$57.50.

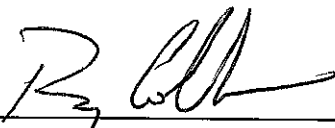
Section 2. No optional tax exemptions are adopted by the City of Merkel.

Section 3. This ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 15th day of September 2026.

ATTEST:


Evelyn Morse, City Secretary


Ray Cobb, Mayor