

ORDINANCE NO. 246

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX ON THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF GOSHEN, ARKANSAS, FOR THE YEAR 2025 FIXING THE RATE THEREOF AT 3.3 MILLS AND CERTIFYING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is necessary to collect taxes on both real and personal property in order to provide services to the citizens of the City of Goshen and perform the functions of a municipality; and,

WHEREAS, governing bodies of the municipalities of the state are required to by law to levy ad valorem property taxes each year in an amount up to five (5) mills; and,

WHEREAS, a levy is needed to properly finance the operation of the government of the City of Goshen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GOSHEN, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. That a tax is hereby levied on the real and personal property within the City of Goshen, Arkansas for the year 2025, to be collected in 2026, for the following purposes at the following rates:

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Levy</u>
General Fund	3.3 Mills

SECTION 2. That the real and personal property tax so levied and the rate provided therefore are hereby certified to the Clerk of Washington County, Arkansas, to be placed in the tax book by the County Clerk and collected in the same manner that the county and school district taxes are collected.

SECTION 3. That the City Director is authorized and directed to file certified copies of the Ordinance in the Office of the County Recorder, County Clerk, County Assessor and the County Tax Collector for Washington County, Arkansas.

SECTION 4. REPEALER: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision, other than the part to decide to be invalid or unconstitutional.

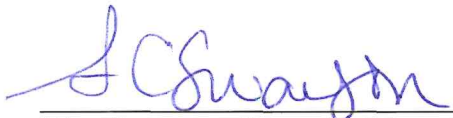
SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE: The City Council of the City of Goshen has determined that fiscally the City needs this revenue to address the various issues facing the City and that this Ordinance is necessary to adequately and properly protect the inhabitants of the City; and because these matters are such pressing business, it is viewed that an immediate solution is necessary thereby creating an emergency. It is hereby declared that based on the conditions set forth herein, an emergency exists and this Ordinance, being necessary for the immediate protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Goshen, Arkansas, shall be in effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of October, 2025.



Russell Stroud, Mayor

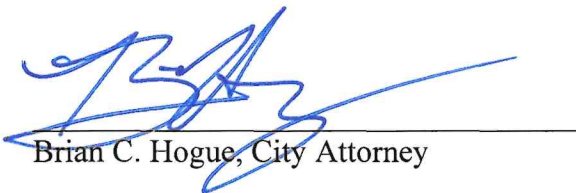
ATTEST:



Gina Swanson, Recorder/Treasurer



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Brian C. Hogue, City Attorney

ROLL CALL VOTE ADOPTING THE ORDINANCE

Names of those voting YEA

Birch Wright
Paula Anderson
Shawn Mayfield
Curtis Vaughan

Names of those voting NAY

John Vaillancourt
Colton Martin

ROLL CALL VOTE ADOPTING THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE

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