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District 3

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District 4

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City Manager

**ORDINANCE NO. 261**

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER, AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2008.***

***WHEREAS***, pursuant to Title 3, Local Taxation, Tax Code, contained in the Texas Civil Statutes which state that the City Council may provide by ordinance, for the prompt collection of all taxes assessed, levied and imposed under Title 3, and may make such rules and regulations, and pass all ordinances as they may deem necessary to the levying, laying, imposing, assessing and collection of any tax therein provided.

***WHEREAS***, pursuant to Title 3, Local Taxation, Tax Code, contained in the Texas Civil Statutes which states that the City Council may by ordinance, regulate the manner of making out tax lists or inventories and appraisals of property therein, and prescribe the oath that shall be administered on such rendition of property therein, and prescribe how and when the property shall thus be rendered, and to prescribe the number and form of assessment rolls, and fix the duties and powers of the assessor and collector, and adopt such measures, as they deem advisable to secure the assessment of all property within the limits of said city and collect the tax thereupon.

***WHEREAS***, heretofore an ordinance was duly passed on September 28, 2007 by the City Council adopting a City Budget for the City of Socorro, Texas, with such ordinance being passed in accordance with proper notice to the tax payers by publication and only after a public hearing were held on the 28th day of September 2007.

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

**SECTION I.**

In accordance with the Charter of the City of Socorro and the statutes of the State of Texas the Socorro City Council does levy a property tax on real and personal property situated within the boundaries of the City of Socorro for the purpose of generating revenue for the newly adopted budget, and further that such levy is assessed in accordance with the proper notice to the taxpayers through publication and a public hearing held on September 28, 2007, such levy being set at a rate of \$.459595 per \$100.00 value on real and personal property situated within the boundaries of Socorro, Texas.

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$57.21 (FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY-ONE CENTS).**

**SECTION II.**

In accordance with Title 3, Local Taxation, Tax Code, contained in the Texas Civil Statutes, City Council exercises its power to provide for prompt collection of taxes assessed, levied and imposed under Title 3, Local Taxation, Tax Code, contained in Texas Civil Statutes, and do make such rules and regulations by ordinance necessary to levy, impose and collect the property tax of .459595 per \$100.00 value on property situated within the boundaries of the City of Socorro, Texas Specifically, City Council authorizes the assessment and collection of the newly ordained property tax.

**SECTION III.**

In accordance with Title 3, Local Taxation, Tax Code, contained in the Texas Civil Statutes, City Council exercises its powers to adopt such measures, as it deems advisable to secure the assessment of all property within the limits of this city, and collect the taxes thereupon. Specifically, City Council hereby contracts with the El Paso City Tax Office, thereby authorizing said office to assess all property within the limits of this city, and collect the taxes thereupon, for the benefit of the City of Socorro, Texas.

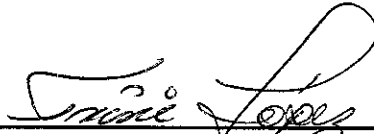
**SECTION IV.**

The El Paso City Tax office is hereby directed to distribute the collected funds into the following accounts in the following proportions:

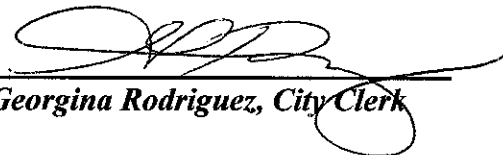
**Maintenance and Operations: .369357**  
**Debt Service: .090238**

This ordinance was passed by City Council with all the formal and legal requirements necessary and traditionally associated with the passage of such, as evidenced by the below signatures on

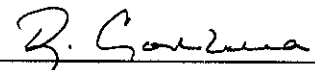
**SIGNED AND APPROVED** this 28th day of September, 2007.

  
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**Trini Lopez, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Georgina Rodriguez, City Clerk**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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**Richard Contreras, City Attorney**

**First Reading: 09/20/07**  
**Second Reading: 09/28/07**