

May 27, 2020

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas has declared a state of disaster in Dallas County pursuant to State Law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas, experienced tremendous economic fallout caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Section 26.04(c-1) of the Texas Tax Code provides that the governing body of a taxing unit located in an area declared to be a disaster area by the Governor or by the president of the United States may direct the designated officer of the City to calculate the voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit (8 percent); and

WHEREAS, Section 26.07(b) of the Texas Tax Code gives cities the ability to avoid an automatic tax rate approval election following certain disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas County Tax Office is the designated officer of the City.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Dallas, hereby requests, in accordance with Section 26.04(c-1) of the Texas Tax Code, that the Dallas County Tax Office calculate the voter-approval tax rate for tax year 2020 in the manner provided for a special taxing unit at 8 percent.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to exercise any and all options available for declared emergencies in accordance with The Texas Reform and Transparency Act of 2019 (Senate Bill 2) to ensure the continued financial health of the City.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.