



**M E M O**  
**(09/10/2013 AGENDA)**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City Manager

FROM: Kent R. Austin, Director of Finance

SUBJECT: Ratification of property tax rate reflected in FY2014 budget

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**BACKGROUND**

During 2007 the Texas Legislature approved House Bill 3195 (TX Local Government Code, Chapter 102.005). This law requires that budgets raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year must include a cover page with the following statement in 18-point or larger type, followed by a separate vote to ratify the tax rate reflected in the new budget. These requirements may be satisfied by reading the following language aloud at the City Council meeting:

“This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$717,929, which is a 4.64 percent increase from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$280,252.”

“The City Council needs to take a vote whether to ratify the tax rate of 27.432 cents reflected in the FY2014 budget. A motion is appropriate at this time.”

Once a motion is made and the vote taken, the Council may move on to consideration of the ordinance levying the tax rate.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Use the above language and action to fulfill the requirements of State law.