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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a Public Hearing on August 19, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

- (1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- (2) ROLL CALL**
- (3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- (4) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**
- (5) PUBLIC HEARING**
 - a. Conduct the first of two public hearings to receive public input regarding the proposed Tax Rate FY 2013-2014.
- (6) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - a. Requests by Mayor and Council Members for items to be placed on future City Council agendas and announcements on city events/community interests TEX. GOV'T CODE §551.415. (b), "items of community interest" includes:
 - (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence;
 - (2) information regarding holiday schedules;
 - (3) an honorary or salutory recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutory recognition for purposes of this subdivision;
 - (4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body;
 - (5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality or county; and
 - (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality or county that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.
- (7) ADJOURNMENT**

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas before **6:00 p.m. this 16th day of August, 2013.**



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The City Council for the City of La Marque, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development)

Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk

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2013 Property Tax Rates in City of La Marque

This notice concerns the 2013 property tax rates for City of La Marque. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$2,239,418
Last year's debt taxes	\$582,969
Last year's total taxes	\$2,822,387
Last year's tax base	\$548,718,213
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.514360/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,816,170
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$553,519,925
=This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.508774/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$2,569,316
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$553,519,925
=This year's effective operating rate	\$0.464178/\$100
x 1.08 =this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.501312/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.187427/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.688739/\$100
-Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.152515/\$100
=Rollback tax rate	\$0.536224/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of La Marque adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.508774 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2012 taxes by \$95,456.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	1,449,438
Long Term Debt Fund	769,395

Schedule B - 2013 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Lease Purchase-Fire Truck 2011	43,953	5,275	0	49,228
2011Refunding Certificate of Obligation	670,000	64,985	0	734,985
2005 Lease Purchase Equipment	57,500	57,653	0	115,153
2008 Certificate of Obligation	40,046	5,176		45,222
2007	67,500	62,820		130,320
Total required for 2013 debt service				\$1,074,908
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0

- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2013	\$1,074,908
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2013	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$1,074,908

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$874,680 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 722 Moody Galveston, TX 77550.

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Title: Chief Deputy, Property Tax
Date Prepared: 07/29/2013

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of La Marque will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 1.10 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 19, 2013 at 6:00 PM at 1109 Bayou Road La Marque, TX.

The second public hearing will be held on August 26, 2013 at 6:00 PM at 1109 Bayou Road La Marque, TX.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:	Mayor Hocking	Councilmember Bell
	Councilmember Osteen	Councilmember Trube
	Councilmember Brown	

AGAINST:	None
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PRESENT and not voting:	None
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ABSENT:	None
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