



**Budget Approval and Adoption
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 3
AGENDA DATE: Mon 09/13/2004
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance fixing and levying Municipal Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Austin, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Financial and **DIRECTOR'S**
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Public Hearings on the Proposed Budget were conducted on August 5, 2004, August 12, 2004, and August 26, 2004.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

This proposed action by the City Council would approve an ordinance that levies and orders to be assessed and collected for the calendar year 2005 an ad valorem tax at the rate of \$0.5065 per \$100 of taxable value, which is the effective tax rate, with related property tax exemptions (see Attachment A).

ATTACHMENT "A"

AUSTIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

AGRICULTURE = Variable per acre of farmland / tax exempt

Agriculture - Confirmed agricultural property is taxed on the basis of a special valuation of the use (productivity) of the land. The area location (school district) and agricultural classification (dry crop, improved pasture or native pasture) determines the taxable value per acre of land.

DISABLED VETERANS = \$5,000 TO \$12,000

Disabled veterans exemptions range from \$5,000 to \$12,000 based on the following schedule:

<u>% Disability</u>	<u>Exemption</u>
10-30	\$5,000
31-50	\$7,500
51-70	\$10,000
71-100	\$12,000

STRAIGHT DISABILITY LOCAL OPTION = \$51,000

Disabled persons (unable to hold job) on social security of forced retirement receive a \$51,000 tax exemption.

ELDERLY HOMESTEAD = \$51,000

Persons 65 years and older can apply for a \$51,000 tax exemption on their home.

HISTORIC HOMESTEAD

Properties which are approved for exemption shall receive a percentage of assessed value exempt from ad valorem taxes levied by the City for:

- (A) Owner-occupied residential properties and properties owned by non-profit corporations:
100% of the value of the structure and 50% of the value of the land
- (B) All other properties (income-producing):
50% of the value of the structure and 25% of the value of the land