

**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**TO:** Mayor via City Secretary

<b>Subject:</b> Ordinance to ratify the increase in property tax revenues as reflected in the FY2017 Budget	<b>Category #</b>	<b>Page 1 of 1</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
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<b>FROM (Department or other point of origin):</b> Kelly Dowe Director of Finance	<b>Origination Date:</b> May 9, 2016	<b>Agenda Date</b>
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<b>DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE</b> 	<b>Council District(s) affected:</b> All
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<b>For additional information contact:</b> Tantri Emo, Deputy Director <b>Phone:</b> 832-393-9076	<b>Date and Identification of prior authorizing Council Action:</b>
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**RECOMMENDATION: (Summary)**  
Adopt an ordinance ratifying the increase in property tax revenues as reflected in the FY2017 Operating Budget

<b>Amount of Funding:</b> N/A	<b>Finance Budget:</b>
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**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**     General Fund     Grant Fund     Enterprise Fund     Other (Specify)  
N/A

**SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:**

After adoption of the budget ordinance, a second vote to ratify the increase in property tax revenues included in the budget must be taken as required by Section 102.007(c) of the Texas Local Government Code for budgets adopted after September 1, 2007:

“Adoption of a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year requires a separate vote of the governing body to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget. A vote under this subsection is in addition to and separate from the vote to adopt the budget or a vote to set the tax rate required by Chapter 26, Tax Code, or other law.”

Chapter 102 of the Texas Local Government Code also sets out language to be included, verbatim, in any budget adopted after September 2013, and in the posted and published notices of the related public hearing. Accordingly, the following statement has been included in the budget and in the required notices to comply with the new law:

“This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$19,161,893 which is 1.72 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 \$31,989,944.”

Approval of this item ratifying the increase in property tax revenues reflected in the budget, as required by State law, is recommended.

Cc: Marta Crinejo, Mayor’s Office  
Ronald Lewis, City Attorney

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

Finance Director:	Other Authorization:	Other Authorization:
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