

ORDINANCE # 09092026

AN ORDINANCE, OF THE CITY OF LOMETA, ADOPTING A TAX RATE TO SUPPORT THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

WHEREAS; a proposed annual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2026, was filed with the City Secretary on September 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS; municipal budget officer filed with the City Secretary the required "Truth in Taxation" documentation which was subsequently accepted and approved by the City Council on September 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS; The City of Lometa has made available the Truth in Taxation documents, the proposed budget and supporting documents via its website; and

WHEREAS; The City of Lometa held a city council meeting for the proposed budget on September 14, 2026, where any citizen was able to attend and speak during an open and properly posted meeting; and

WHEREAS; The City of Lometa adopted Ordinance #09142026, which adopted the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS; The City of Lometa is required by the statute to adopt an Ordinance setting the effective tax rate for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMETA, TEXAS.

SECTION 1: TAX RATE ADOPTED There is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the maintenance and operations of the City a tax rate of 0.3243.

SECTION 2: LEGAL REQUIREMENTS MET. It is hereby found that the City of Lometa is considered a special taxing unit due to its small tax base and is exempt from most legal requirements pertaining to the postings and hearings most municipalities are legally required to comply with. Now withstanding the aforementioned, the City of Lometa exceeded legal requirements and held open and properly posted meetings for the purpose of tax rate hearings, budget hearings, and budget workshops. Additionally, the City of Lometa posted the tax rate notice in the local newspaper and on our website, and the proposed budget will be placed on the City of Lometa website.

SECTION 3: FINAL BUDGET HEARING HELD. The City of Lometa held a final budget hearing on September 14, 2026, during its regular meeting. This meeting was properly posted on the City of Lometa website and posted on the front window of City Hall.

SECTION 4: ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED. The City Council adopted Ordinance # 09092026 and Ordinance # 09142026, both which are hereby made a part of this ordinance as "Attachment A" and "Attachment B" respectively.

SECTION 5: CONFLICTING ORDINANCE. All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed on the effective date of this ordinance unless conflicting ordinance specifically identifies this ordinance and states in plain language that such ordinance prevails.

SECTION 6: SEVERABILITY. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason to be invalid or unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the remaining

portions of this ordinance and no other portion or provision hereof shall become inoperative or fail by reason of such holding. To this end, all provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on October 1, 2026, and remain in effect until amended, or midnight September 30, 2027, whichever occurs sooner.

SECTION 8: OPEN MEETINGS. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public. Notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 Texas Government Code.

SECTION 9: RECORD VOTE. A record was taken on the passing of this ordinance, and the following results are hereby recorded:

Mayor Derek Talley	☒ FOR	☐ AGAINST	☐ ABSTAIN	☐ ABSENT
Alex Witherspoon	☒ FOR	☐ AGAINST	☐ ABSTAIN	☐ ABSENT
Gloria Martin	☒ FOR	☐ AGAINST	☐ ABSTAIN	☐ ABSENT
Taylor Thompson	☐ FOR	☐ AGAINST	☐ ABSTAIN	☒ ABSENT
Calvin Sweet	☒ FOR	☐ AGAINST	☐ ABSTAIN	☐ ABSENT
Christine Eltgroth	☒ FOR	☐ AGAINST	☐ ABSTAIN	☐ ABSENT

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 14 DAY OF September, 2026

THE CITY OF LOMETA:



Derek Talley, Mayor



ATTEST:



Stephanie Sweet, City Secretary