

**TOWN OF PONDER  
ORDINANCE NO. 25-20**

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS FOR THE 2025-26 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID; NOW**

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER:**

**Section 1**

That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of municipal government of the Town of Ponder, and to provide an Interest and Sinking Fund for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year, upon all property, real, personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of the said Town subject to taxation, a tax of \$ 0.694379 on each \$100 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

1. For the maintenance and operation of general government (General Fund), \$0.539641 on each \$100 valuation of property; and
2. For the interest and sinking fund, \$0.154738 on each \$100 valuation of property.

**Section 2**

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE THE SAME TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS AS LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

**Section 3**

That the taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due on January 31, 2026 and if not paid before February 1, 2026 will become delinquent.

**Section 4**

That all taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the County Tax Collector for the Town of Ponder is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas and Ordinances of the Town of Ponder and shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest, and the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned to the general fund of the Town of Ponder. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from date of delinquency at the rate as prescribed by state law.

**Section 5**

That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from the date after its passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Ponder with 5 ayes,  
0 nays and 0 abstentions on this 15th day of September, 2025.

	Aye	Nay	Abstention
Council Member Shingelo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Deussen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Culpepper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member McWilliams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Pro-Tem Estes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**APPROVED:**

  
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Nick McGregor, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary