

ORDINANCE NO. 067a

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY TO DEFRAY COSTS OF COLLECTING DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES AND TO RECOVER COSTS OF DETERMINING THE NAME, IDENTITY, AND LOCATION OF NECESSARY PARTIES TO DELINQUENT TAX SUITS AND IN PROCURING NECESSARY LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH A DELINQUENT TAX IS DUE TO THE CITY OF LONE OAK.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the CITY OF LONE OAK deems it necessary to have a declared policy regarding the expense of collecting delinquent property taxes due to the CITY OF LONE OAK, and

WHEREAS, said governing body is of the opinion that said expense of collecting said delinquent taxes should be borne by the delinquent properties and their owners who are responsible for causing such expenses;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of the CITY OF LONE OAK:

Section 1. Whenever any accounts for delinquent property taxes owed to the CITY OF LONE OAK are given to its tax attorney for collection, on or after July 1 of the year they become delinquent, the CITY OF LONE OAK shall be entitled to, and shall collect, an additional penalty of fifteen percent (15%) of the delinquent taxes and penalty (including any interest owed) due on each delinquent property at the time of collection, either before or after suit and/or foreclosure sale, as provided by Section 33.07 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Section 2. In addition to the collection expenses provided for in Section 1 above, whenever a delinquent tax suit is filed the CITY OF LONE OAK shall be entitled to recover reasonable expenses, subject to the approval of the Court, that are incurred by the CITY OF LONE OAK in determining the name, identity, and location of necessary parties and in procuring necessary legal descriptions of the property on which a delinquent tax is due, as provided by Section 33.48 (a)(1)(2)(3) of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the date of passage or the date of last publication, if required, whichever is later.

1984.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of August,

CITY OF LONE OAK

ATTEST:

By Virginia Long
Mayor

Virginia Long
City Secy.

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