

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 4977-23 AND ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL RATE OF AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2023 FOR GENERAL AND OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI, AND THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE CITY'S SEWER LATERAL SERVICE LINES REPAIR PROGRAM AND CONTAINING AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE**

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**WHEREAS**, due notice of the time and place of a public hearing to be held to consider establishment of the ad valorem tax rates to be levied for the year 2023 was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and the public hearing was conducted on September 6, 2023, pursuant to notice as provided by law, at which hearing citizens were given an opportunity to be heard; and

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 8 of the Hazelwood Charter provides, in relevant part, as follows: "Any Ordinance may be passed as an emergency measure on the day the Bill is introduced, provided it contains the statement that an emergency exists and specifies distinctly the facts and reasons constituting an emergency. ... Emergency Ordinances shall be restricted to Bills concerning the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health, safety, welfare or morals; appropriations for current expenses, payments on principal or interest on a public debt ... . The affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of the Council shall be required to pass an emergency Ordinance."; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 20, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance 4977-23 establishing rates of ad valorem taxes for the city for general and other municipal purposes in order to generate through property taxation revenue critical to funding public health and safety services and current expenses for all departments and services of the municipal government, which Ordinance erroneously failed to include a levy for payment of principal and interest on existing municipal indebtedness; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutory deadline for adopting the city's ad valorem tax rate and notifying the Collector of St. Louis County so that the levy can be collected with other property taxes levied by other taxing entities is October 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby finds, determines and declares that an emergency exists within the meaning of Article II, Section 8 of the Hazelwood Charter as aforesaid, in that it is necessary to correct the previous tax levy and include a levy for debt service and adopt such revised levies in time to comply with the statutory notice requirements aforesaid, and that passage of this legislation on the day the Bill is introduced is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health, safety, and welfare and in order to meet appropriations for current expenses and payment on principal and interest of a public debt;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Ordinance 4977-23 of the City of Hazelwood, Missouri, as enacted by the City Council on September 20, 2023, is hereby repealed, set aside and held for naught.

**SECTION 2.** There is hereby levied on all real and personal property, including railroad and utility, subject to ad valorem taxation by the City of Hazelwood, Missouri, for the year 2023, for general and other municipal purposes, an ad valorem tax at the following rates:

- A. There is hereby levied upon all residential property subject to taxation in the City of Hazelwood, Missouri, an ad valorem tax levy of \$0.623 on the one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation as shown on the assessment books of St. Louis County, as converted and amended by the Board of Equalization and certified by the County Clerk.
- B. There is hereby levied upon all agricultural and horticultural property subject to taxation in the City of Hazelwood, Missouri, an ad valorem tax levy of \$0.778 on the one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation as shown on the assessment books of St. Louis County, as converted and amended by the Board of Equalization and certified by the County Clerk.
- C. There is hereby levied upon all commercial, industrial, utility, railroad and all other property not included in subsections (A) and (B), above, and subject to taxation in the City of Hazelwood, Missouri, an ad valorem tax levy of \$0.639 on the one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation as shown on the assessment books of St. Louis County, as converted and amended by the Board of Equalization and certified by the County Clerk.
- D. There is hereby levied upon all personal property subject to taxation in the City of Hazelwood, Missouri, an ad valorem tax levy of \$0.754 on the one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation as shown on the assessment books of St. Louis County, as converted and amended by the Board of Equalization and certified to by the County Clerk.

**SECTION 3.** There is hereby levied upon all classes of property \$0.1900 for the year 2023 on real and personal property for street bond principal and interest payments and a provision for uncollectible taxes and a reasonable reserve as allowed by law.

**SECTION 4.** There is hereby imposed and levied a fee in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for the repair of sewer lateral service lines on or connecting residential property having six or less dwelling units to be deposited in a fund and used to repair any portion of the sewer lateral service line from the residential structure to its connection with the public sewer system line.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and adoption.

**PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by the  
Council of the City of Hazelwood, Missouri.**

ATTEST:

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Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor  
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

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Julie Lowery, CMC - City Clerk  
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Kevin M. O'Keefe - City Attorney  
City of Hazelwood, Missouri