

ORDINANCE NO. ____5____-95

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL PENALTY FOR ATTORNEY FEES IN CONNECTION WITH COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES OWNED TO THE TOWN OF ANDERSON, GRIMES COUNTY, TEXAS, (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "TAXING UNIT") TO A MAXIMUM OF FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) COMMENCING JULY 1ST OF THE CALENDAR YEAR NEXT SUCCEEDING THE YEAR FOR WHICH TAXES ARE DUE.

SECTION 1. It shall be the declared policy of Taxing Unit that the expenses of collecting delinquent taxes owed to Taxing Unit now an unfair burden on the general revenue and the taxpayers who pay on time, should be borne instead by the delinquent properties and their owners who are responsible for causing such expenses; and to effectuate this policy, Taxing Unit hereby orders that such costs be charged against the delinquent properties and their owners as "Additional Penalty" as herein provided, and the same are hereby made a part of the tax liens against the delinquent property to which each such costs is attributable.

SECTION 2. Taxing unit's designated Attorney with whom Taxing Unit has contracted pursuant to Section 6.30 of the Property Tax Code, VTCA, shall assist, by suit or otherwise, in the collection of delinquent taxes owed to Jurisdiction, and to recover such costs, Jurisdiction shall be entitled to and shall collect any 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, before or after suit and/or foreclosure sale, provided further that as to payment of taxes delinquent and owing from the most current year, the Additional Penalty as to that year shall be added as specified above at the maximum of fifteen percent (15%) commencing July 1 of the calendar year next succeeding the year for which taxes are due.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or

application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. It is further specifically provided that if any of the Additional Penalty herein provided ever should be determined upon final adjudication to be in excess of the amount(s) allowed by any applicable law(s), the same as if such maximum amount(s) had been specifically ordained herein in words and figures.

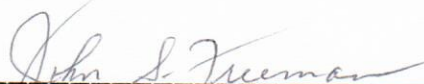
SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after January 1, 1996.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON September 14, 1995.

ATTEST:



Secretary



Mayor, Town of Anderson