ORDINANCE 2006-08-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WESTON, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN EXEMPTIONS FROM AD VALOREM TAXES RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD PROPERTY OWNED BY PERSONS AGE SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS AND OLDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Weston, Texas is a Type A general-law municipality located in Collin County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Section 11.13(d) of the Texas Property Tax Code provides that the City Council may adopt an exemption from taxation of a portion of the appraised value of the residence homestead of disabled individuals or individuals who are 65 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously adopted a residence homestead exemption of this nature pursuant to Section 11.13(d); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to increase the amount of the residential homestead exemption for individuals who are 65 years of age or older pursuant to Section 11.13(f) of the Texas Property Tax Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 11.13 of the Texas Property Tax Code, an adult who is age sixty-five (65) years or older is hereby entitled to an exemption from taxation by the City of Weston in the amount of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** of the appraised value of his residential homestead.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Weston, Texas, as amended, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City

PASSED AND APPROVED this the / day of Mingh ST 20

Patti Harrington, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan M Coffer, City Secretary