

ORDINANCE NO. 23- 1010

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF COOLIDGE BY ADOPTING A NEW AD VALOREM TAX ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Charter for the City of Coolidge, Article VI, Section 6.11, provides that the City Council may assess, levy, and collect an ad valorem tax on all real and personal property within the corporate limits of the City that is subject to such taxation by the state and county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter for the City of Coolidge, Article VI, Section 6.11 provides that said ad valorem tax is for the purpose of raising revenues to defray the costs of operating the City government, or providing governmental services, for the repayment of principal and interest on general obligations, and for any other public purpose as determined by the City Council in its discretion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter for the City of Coolidge, Article VI, Section 6.11 provides that the City Council by ordinance shall establish a millage rate for the City property tax, a due date, and the time period within which these taxes must be paid; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter for the City of Coolidge, Article VI, Section 6.11 provides that the City Council by ordinance may provide for the payment of these taxes by installments or in one lump sum, as well as authorize the voluntary payment of taxes prior to the time when due;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Coolidge, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, as follows:

**Section 1.** The City Council shall assess, levy, and collect an ad valorem tax on all real and personal property within the corporate limits of the City that is subject to such taxation by the state and county.

**Section 2.** The City Council shall use this revenue to defray the costs of operating the City government, of providing governmental services, for the repayment of principal and interest on general obligations, and for any other public purpose as determined by the City Council in its discretion.

**Section 3.** The millage rate for the City property tax shall be 10.835 mills. The City property tax must be paid by December 20, 2023. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-2-40 et seq., the City shall assess interest and penalties as prescribed by law.

**Section 4.** The City property tax shall be paid in one lump sum by the due date specified above; however, the City Council authorizes the voluntary payment of City property taxes prior to the time when due.

**Section 5.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

SO ORDAINED, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

CITY OF COOLIDGE

By: Diane H. Causey  
Mayor, Diane H. Causey

Attest: Meritta Patillo  
City Clerk, Meritta Patillo

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