

City of *Plantation*

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Newsletter

July 2019

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In this newsletter, we are providing you with updates on the Metro Louisville budget approved by the Metro Council as well as the ordinances adopted by the City of Plantation council at their regular June meeting. Your elected officials strive to be an exemplary fiduciary of your tax dollars. Please plan to attend a meeting soon to share your thoughts. Our city council meetings are conducted on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the city office, 2502 Hermitage Way.

In 2019, City of Plantation property tax bills will not be sent out until around August 1. The discount period will be offered through September 12 and the base amount is due, without penalty, not later than October 31. The council approved the mayor's proposal to maintain the tax rate at \$0.29 per \$100 of assessed value (Ordinance #1, Series 2019-2020). This means unless your real property received a revised assessment in 2018, the tax amount to be paid in August-September 2019 should be the same as in 2018.

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CITY OF PLANTATION
ORDINANCE NO. 1, Series 2019-2020

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT
OF AN AD VALOREM TAX**

WHEREAS, in order to provide revenue for general purposes and operations, with manner of assessment and collection of said taxes; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the assessment of all real property within the City corporate limits as of January 1, 2019 and

WHEREAS, the provisions for the levy and collection of these taxes shall apply for a period starting on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2020

WHEREAS, occupying property owners may request payment plans to lessen their immediate tax burden

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Plantation does ordain as follows:

Section 1:

The assessment of said real property shall be the valuation as listed on the Jefferson County Property Valuation tax records as of January 1, 2019 and is hereby adopted as the assessment for ad valorem tax purposes.

Section 2:

To levy as an ad valorem tax on all real property and property of utility companies as allowed by law at the rate of **\$0.29 (twenty-nine cents) per one hundred dollars of the assessed value.**

Section 3:

Upon delivery of such bills, payment shall be made to the City of Plantation. Checks must be made payable to *City of Plantation* and mailed to the specified post office box.

Tax bills that are satisfied when payment is **received at the specified post office box on or prior to September 12, 2019 shall receive a discount of 10% (ten per cent).**

The gross amount of each tax bill shall be due and payable from September 13, 2019, through October 31, 2019. Payment will be mailed to the specified post office box.

All tax bills unpaid on November 1, 2019, shall be subject to a penalty of 15% (fifteen percent) as well as interest at the rate of 1.5% (one and one-half percent) per month until satisfied in full.

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Section 4:

Occupying property owners may contact the City Clerk not later than October 31, 2019 to request a payment plan for current year taxes. Payment plans must be paid in full not later than May 31, 2020.

Section 5:

Collection of delinquent taxes shall be made in the manner provided by law. All tax collection expenses incurred by the City, including attorney's fees and the cost of legal action, shall be deemed a penalty in addition to that previously specified and shall be encompassed in the City's lien for delinquent ad valorem property taxes. **Any taxpayer that owes taxes from prior years is hereby notified that any payment received for property taxes after October 31, 2019 will be applied to the prior delinquencies first.** The revenue from these taxes, interest, and penalties shall be used for the general operating expenses of the City and for the general purposes of the City in its discharge of municipal functions as ordained, resolved, or directed by the City Council of Plantation.

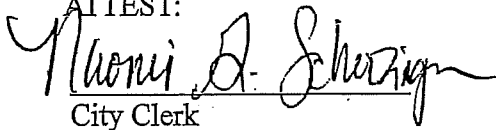
Section 6:


This Ordinance shall take effect upon its reading, adoption, and publication according to law.

First Reading: 5/22/2019

Second Reading: 6/26/2019

ATTEST:


City Clerk


Becky Peak, Mayor

Those in Favor: 5
Those Apposed: 0

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**CITY OF PLANTATION
ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES 2019-2020
AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF PLANTATION
ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

WHEREAS, an annual Budget Proposal and message has been delivered to the City Council,

AND WHEREAS, the City council has reviewed such Budget Proposal and made necessary modifications,

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Plantation does hereby establish its annual budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as follows;

Section 1:

**BUDGET ORDINANCE
GENERAL FUND
CITY OF PLANTATION
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020**

Property Taxes	138,000.00
Property Taxes – Prior Year	10,000.00
Insurance Premiums Tax	60,000.00
HB413	4,000.00
Franchise Fees	10,000.00
Business License Fees	10,000.00
Other Grants	0.00
Interest	0.00
Sanitation Reimbursement	4,500.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,000.00
Transfers/prior years	12,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	249,500.00
General Government	76,285.00
Public Safety	87,312.00
Public Services	80,968.00
Community Services	4,935.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	249,500.00

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(Ordinance # 2 cont'd)
BUDGET ORDINANCE
ROAD FUND
CITY OF PLANTATION
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

REVENUES:

MRA Payments	15,600.00
Interest	0.00
Prior year earning	0.00

TOTAL REVENUES 15,600.00

EXPENDITURES:

Road Repairs and Maintenance	0.00
Roads/Signs	1,500.00
Speed Control	1,000.00
Snow Removal	13,100.00
Road resurfacing	0.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: 15,600.00

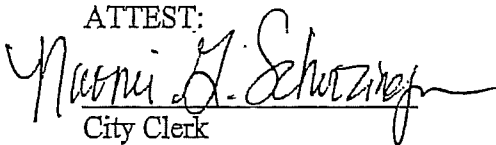
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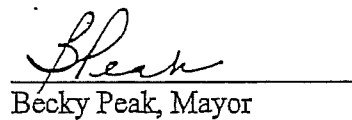
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CITY OF PLANTATION
ORDINANCE NO. 03, Series 2019-2020
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT FOR ELDERLY
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS TO AGE IN PLACE

WHEREAS, the City elects to honor our elderly residents that have chosen to occupy and age in place in homes that they own in the City,

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Plantation does ordain as follows:

Section 1:

An Elder Resident Discount is offered to residents that were at least 80 years of age by January 1, 2019 (born on or before January 1, 1939) and who self-declare their eligibility by producing proof of their age and current residency as of January 1, 2019. In cases of joint ownership, proof of age over 80 years is required of at least one owner. Qualifying residents will be **allowed a \$35.00 (thirty-five dollar) discount** on the amount of City taxes due by October 31, 2019.

Proof of age and proof of residency is required to be received by the City Clerk prior to accepting the Elder Resident Discount. Acceptable proof of age and residency is any valid (not expired) institutionally-issued document (i.e., driver's license, passport, voter registration card, birth record).

Section 2:

These provisions shall substitute any conflicting provisions in the City's tax rate Ordinance for qualifying residents. However, any non-conflicting additional penalties and interest contained in the City tax rate Ordinance shall be in addition to any penalties charged herein: ~

Section 3:

It shall be the responsibility of the property owners to make application for any deferments, forgiveness and discounts offered through this Ordinance. Such information must be received by the City Clerk and approved by the Mayor.

Section 4:

The revenue from said taxes, interest, and penalties shall be used for general operating expenses of the City and for general purposes of the City, in the discharge of its municipal functions as ordained, resolved, or directed by the City Council of Plantation.

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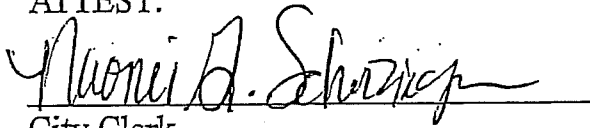
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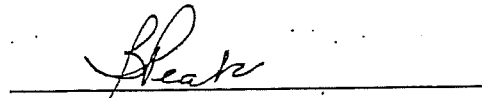
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Message from Councilwoman McCraney

As you are aware, I serve on the Metro Council Budget Committee. It's been no secret that I've been a wee-bit busy for the last two months. Finally, on last evening, my colleagues and I who serve on the Committee, after several months of negotiations and haggling, passed an amended version of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 capital and operating budget presented by Mayor Fischer.

One could argue that the budget was dead on arrival. However, with a little give and take, a lot of advocating and pleading, and some backroom deals, I can honestly say that what we passed last night is considerably better than what the citizens of Louisville were expecting.

Working as a team, Budget Committee members established spending priorities and determined how those priorities would be paid. We realized throughout the process that our decisions affect the lives of all Louisville citizens, as well as the economy. For me, the budget process was one of the most important and complex exercises I felt fortunate to be a part of. It was exciting at times, and grueling at other times. Through it all, I discovered that I enjoy public policy making.

Budgeting is always difficult due to the competing priorities and the important issues and needs at stake. With 26 districts representing Jefferson County, and that many personalities, no one person or district received everything on the wish list. But, still, there was little gridlock because we all understood the need to compromise and build consensus. The overarching sentiment was to pass a comprehensive and balanced budget that would give our great city a stable future fiscal outlook.

How did we do it - especially without adding new taxes or revenue? Well, we worked hard to find efficiencies throughout various departments of Louisville Metro. Doing so allowed us to reinstate several cuts proposed in the Mayor's budget. In a bi-partisan manner, we managed to avoid additional cuts to essential services such as police and fire.

Here are some of the highlights of last night's Budget Committee vote:

- Reopened the Middletown Library, named the opening of a new Fern Creek Library a top priority within the Library Master Plan (including funding towards planning)
- Reinstated the regular business hours for all branches of the Louisville Free Public Library (including Saturday and Sunday hours)
- Reinstated weekly recycling and yard waste collection for those living within the Urban Service District (USD)
- Started a police recruit class earlier in the year
- Funded an allowance for newly sworn officers
- Increased paving for Metro Roads by approximately \$1 million
- Invested in improving maintenance of our parks, reopening two pools and construction of new lighted tennis/pickleball courts at Charlie Vettiner as well as renovated ADA Compliant Restrooms at Fern Creek Park. Added funding for resurfacing a public basketball court
- Restored funding for non-profits such as Dare to Care (\$200,000) and the Centerstone Crisis and Information Center (\$110,000)

So, on Tuesday, June 25, the entire Metro Council will hear the final reading of the budget and have one last chance to feel the magnitude of our responsibility. Once the Council President says, "Clerk, open up the roll call for voting," the budget will pass unanimously (WISHFUL AND POSITIVE THINKING!!!), and then be delivered to the Mayor for signing.

Kudos and bravos to my colleagues and to YOU for working together to pass a balanced budget that will carry us through June 30, 2020. And then, we start the process over...