

The following Ordinance which was previously introduced in written form at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Baker, State of Louisiana on July 14, 2026, a Notice of Public Hearing having been published in the official journal and which public hearing was held in accordance with said public notice, was offered by Council Member Dunn and seconded by Council Member Young:

ORDINANCE 2026-25

An Ordinance directing the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax of ten (10) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within the geographic boundaries of the City of Baker, State of Louisiana, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing funds for salaries for third engine personnel and increasing salaries and benefits for all employees of the Fire Department of the City who are members of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service System.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article VI, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, including an election held in the City of Baker, State of Louisiana (the “**City**”) on Saturday, June 27, 2026, the City Council of the City of Baker, State of Louisiana (the “**Governing Authority**”), as governing authority for the City, desires to levy and collect the ad valorem tax as authorized at the election by virtue of the favorable passage of the proposition attached hereto as Schedule A setting forth the rate and duration of the tax; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the provisions of said authority and other applicable constitutional and statutory authority, an election was held in the City on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the levy and collection of the ad valorem tax, it is now the desire of the City to levy the ad valorem tax and to provide for the collection thereof and other matters in connection therewith as hereinafter provided in this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Authority, that:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the authority of an election held in the City on Saturday, June 27, 2026, there be and there is hereby levied within the geographic boundaries of the City for the purposes stated in the proposition attached hereto as Schedule A, an ad valorem tax of ten (10) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the City, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing funds for salaries for third engine personnel and increasing salaries and benefits for all employees of the Fire Department of the City who are members of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service System, all in the manner and subject to the provisions and terms of those portions of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, applicable to property taxes levied by the City.

SECTION 2. That the ad valorem tax described in Section 1 above shall be levied, assessed, imposed, collected, paid and enforced according to law.

SECTION 3. The obligations and rights of taxpayers in connection with the ad valorem tax levied hereby shall be as provided by the provisions of law applicable to ad valorem taxes levied by the City.

SECTION 4. If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this Ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Upon adoption, this Ordinance shall be published in full in one (1) issue of *The Advocate* and shall be recorded in the mortgage records of the East Baton Rouge Parish Clerk of Court.

SECTION 6. The Clerk of the Governing Authority be and she is hereby authorized,

empowered and directed to take any and all such action as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall immediately take effect upon adoption.

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This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

WHEREUPON, this Ordinance was declared to be adopted by the City Council of the City of Baker, State of Louisiana, on this, the 28th day of July, 2026.

SCHEDULE A

PROPOSITION

Shall the City of Baker, State of Louisiana (the “City”) be authorized to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of ten (10) mills on all property subject to taxation in the City (an estimated \$937,180 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the “Tax”) for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, the proceeds of the Tax to be used entirely and exclusively to provide funds for salaries for third engine personnel and increasing salaries and benefits for all employees of the Fire Department of the City who are members of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service System?

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

I, the undersigned Clerk of the City Council of the City of Baker, State of Louisiana (the “**Governing Authority**”), acting as the governing authority of the City of Baker, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Governing Authority on July 28, 2026, directing the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax of ten (10) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within the geographic boundaries of the City of Baker, State of Louisiana, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing funds for salaries for third engine personnel and increasing salaries and benefits for all employees of the Fire Department of the City who are members of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service System.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my official signature of the City Council of the City of Baker, State of Louisiana on this, the 28th day of July, 2026.

/s/Angela Canady Wall, Council Clerk

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