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CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 1

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, KANSAS, FROM K. S. A. 1968 SUPP., 79-1953 AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING AND LIMITING TAX LEVIES IN ANY ONE YEAR ON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED TANGIBLE VALUATION; AND PRESCRIBING AN AGGREGATE FOR ALL CITY-WIDE TAX LEVIES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. The City of Washington, Kansas, a city of the third class, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to exempt, and does exempt itself from and makes inapplicable to it, Section 79-1953 of the K.S.A. 1968 Supp., which is not applicable uniformly to all cities of the third class, the legislature not having established classes of cities for the purpose of imposing tax limitations, and hereby provides substitute and additional provisions as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2. The Governing Body of the City of Washington, Kansas, is hereby authorized and empowered to levy taxes in each year for the following purposes, but said governing body shall not fix a rate of levy in any one year on each dollar of assessed tangible valuation of the city in excess of the following named rates:

General operating fund (which shall include the following activities: General Government; police department; fire department; ambulance service; health and sanitation, including refuse collection and disposal; highways (all public traveled ways including bridges); forestry, community buildings; recreation; sewer maintenance; sewage treatment and disposal; parks; cemeteries; (sewer maintenance), sanitary and storm:..... 19 mills.

Provided, that any revenues derived from the motor vehicle and motor fuel taxes shall be budgeted to the credit of the highway department of said general operating fund and shall be used exclusively for the purpose for which received.

Cemetery..... 1.5 mills
Library..... 1.5 mills

Provided, that the aggregate of all city-wide tax levies of such city, except levies for the payment of bonds and interest thereon, levies for the control and eradication of noxious weeds, and levies authorized by other statutes to be outside the aggregate, is hereby limited to .23 mills on each dollar of assessed tangible valuation of such city.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the official city paper, The Washington County News.

SECTION 4. This is a Charter Ordinance and shall take effect sixty-one (61) days after final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed and a referendum held on the ordinance as provided in Article 12, Section 5, Subdivision (c) (3) of the Constitution of Kansas, in which case the Ordinance shall become effective if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members-elect voting in favor thereof, the 5th day of May, 1969.

(seal)

/s/ Paul R. Herda
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Leo Walter
City Clerk

(STATEMENT OF MANNER OF ADOPTING CHARTER ORDINANCE)

The foregoing Charter Ordinance No. 1 was passed on the 5th day of May, 1969, as shown by the Journal of Proceedings No. F page 231, by a vote of Five for and None against, being not less than two-thirds of the members-elect of the governing body, published in The Washington County News, the official city newspaper, on the 9th day of May, 1969, and on the 16th day of May 1969, being once each week for two consecutive weeks, and there being no petition demanding a referendum filed with the city clerk within sixty days after the final publication, said charter ordinance took effect on the 16th day of July, 1969.

SEAL:

Leo Walter
Leo Walter, City Clerk