

**ORDINANCE NO. 3745**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 74, ARTICLE II, OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF THE RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM CITY AD VALOREM TAXES TO TWENTY PERCENT (20%), AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 11.13(N) OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 11.13(n) of the Texas Property Tax Code authorizes the City Council to adopt an exemption from taxation of a percentage of the appraised value of the residence homestead; and

**WHEREAS**, the homestead exemption shall be adopted before July 1<sup>st</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Richland Hills desires to increase the current residential homestead exemption of fifteen percent (15%) by five percent (5%) for a total exemption of twenty percent (20%), in order to provide additional tax relief to North Richland Hills homeowners; and

**WHEREAS**, the residential homestead exemption will reduce the taxable value of a homestead by the greater of either the adopted percent exemption or \$5,000;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** The above findings are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated in their entirety into this ordinance as if written herein.

**SECTION 2:** Chapter 74, Article II, Section 74-33 shall be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 74-33. – Residence homestead exemption – Standard.**

In addition to any other exemptions provided by this article, the owner of a residence homestead who makes application therefor shall be entitled to an exemption from city ad valorem taxation of the greater of \$5,000.00 or twenty percent (20%) of the appraised value thereof.

**SECTION 3:** This exemption shall be effective for the tax year beginning January 1, 2022.

**SECTION 4:** All other provisions of the Code of Ordinances not modified herein shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5:** This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Richland Hills, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6:** All rights and remedies of the City of North Richland Hills are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any ordinances in the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Richland Hills that have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

**SECTION 7:** 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 8:** The City Secretary is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in accordance with applicable law.

**SECTION 9:** This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage.

**AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 27<sup>th</sup> of June, 2022.

**CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Oscar Trevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Alicia Richardson  
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Maleshia B. McGinnis, City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Mark C. Mills, Director of Finance