

ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

The Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, Texas, convened at a meeting of said Court at the City of Edinburg Council Chambers in the City of Edinburg, Texas, on the 6th day of January, 2015, with the following members present, to-wit:

Ramon Garcia, County Judge
A.C. Cuellar, Jr., Commissioner, Precinct 1
Eduardo Cantu, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Joseph Palacios, Commissioner, Precinct 4

and the following members absent, to-wit:

Joe M. Flores, Commissioner, Precinct 3, constituting a quorum, when among other business, the following was transacted:

ORDER AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES
UNDER TEX. TAX CODE §§ 33.07 AND 33.08 IN ORDER TO DEFRAY COSTS
OF COLLECTION.

Commissioner A. C. Cuellar, Jr. introduced an order and made a motion that the same be adopted. Commissioner Joseph Palacios seconded the motion for adoption of the order. The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the order, prevailed by the following vote:

AYES:	<u>4</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTENTIONS:	<u>0</u>

The County Judge thereupon announced that the motion had duly and lawfully carried and that the order had been duly and lawfully adopted. The order thus adopted follows:

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County wishes to defray its costs of collection, as authorized by TEX. TAX CODE 33.07 and 33.08, that it incurs under a contract for collection of delinquent property taxes between said county and a private law firm entered into pursuant to TEX. TAX CODE § 6.30; and whereas Hidalgo County is designated as tax collector for certain taxing entities pursuant to Section 6.30(b) that include:

South Texas Independent School District, Hidalgo County Emergency Service Districts No. 1, Hidalgo County Emergency Service Districts No. 2, Hidalgo County Emergency Service Districts No. 3, Hidalgo County Emergency Service Districts No. 4, and Red Sands Groundwater Conservation District;

WHEREAS, under said Sections 33.07 and 33.08, Commissioners Court is empowered to authorize the addition of a collection penalty in an amount that does not exceed the amount of the compensation specified in the contract with the private law firm;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS, SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID COUNTY AND TAXING AUTHORITIES THAT IT COLLECTS FOR, THAT:

Section 1: THE RECITALS SET FORTH IN THIS ORDER ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

Section 2: (a) AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES FOR TAX YEARS **2014** AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IMPOSED, AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 33.07, TEXAS TAX CODE, IN THE AMOUNT OF 15% OF THE DELINQUENT TAX, PENALTY AND INTEREST IF THE TAX BECOMES DELINQUENT ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 1 OF A YEAR BUT NOT LATER THAN MAY 1 OF THAT YEAR AND REMAINS DELINQUENT ON JULY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE TAX BECOMES DELINQUENT; AND

(b) AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES FOR TAX YEARS **2014** AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IMPOSED, AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 33.08, TEXAS TAX CODE, IN THE AMOUNT OF 15% OF THE DELINQUENT TAX, PENALTY AND INTEREST IF THE TAX BECOMES DELINQUENT ON OR AFTER JUNE 1 UNDER SECTION 26.07(F), 26.15(E), 31.03, 31.031, 31.032, OR 31.04, TEX. TAX CODE.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of January, 2015.

HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge
Hidalgo County, Texas

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr.
Hidalgo County Clerk