ORDINANCE NO. ______

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 2008, LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 2008; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 26.05 of the Tax Code requires notice of a tax increase whether that increase occurs by an increase in the tax rate or a rise in property values or both; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene is proposing a tax rate increase and property values have risen in the City which trigger components of Section 26.05; and

WHEREAS, the components of Section 26.05 require Cities to post that an increase in property values even when the tax rate is held constant, is considered as an effective tax rate increase; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: That the assessment roll for the year 2008, as compiled by the Chief Appraiser of the Central Appraisal District of Taylor County, and amended and approved by the Appraisal Review Board of Taylor County, on the 21st day of July, 2008, be, and the same is hereby, in all things, approved and adopted.

PART 2: That there be, and is hereby levied, on all of the property located in the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 1st day of January, 2008, and not exempt from taxation by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas and the City of Abilene, an ad valorem tax in the aggregate total of --sixty-eight and fifty-four one-hundredths cents (68.54¢)-- on each one hundred dollars' (\$100.00) valuation of said property, apportioned as follows:

General Fund:

Operations & Maintenance	\$.4643		
Fleet Lease Financing	\$.0050		
	\$.4693		
Debt Service Funds:			
1997 C.O. Series	\$.0042		
1998 C.O. Series	\$.0043		
1999 C.O. Series	\$.0046		
1999 G.O. Series	\$.0098		
2000 C.O. Series	\$.0040		
2000 G.O. Series	\$.0090		
2001 C.O. Series	\$.0041		
2001 G.O. Series	\$.0056		
	Fleet Lease Financing Service Funds: 1997 C.O. Series 1998 C.O. Series 1999 C.O. Series 1999 G.O. Series 2000 C.O. Series 2000 G.O. Series 2001 C.O. Series		

(i)	2002 C.O. Series	\$.0075
(j)	2002 G.O. Series	\$.0070
(k)	2002 Airport C.O. Series	\$.0032
(1)	2003 C.O. Series	\$.0054
(m)	2003C Refunding	\$.0096
(n)	2004 C.O. Series	\$.0043
(o)	2004 Airport C.O. Series	\$.0019
(p)	2005 C.O. Series	\$.0109
(p)	2005A C.O. Series - Public Safety	\$.0286
(r)	2006 C.O. Series	\$.0107
(s)	2006 G.O. Series	\$.0120
(t)	2006 Airport C.O. Series	\$.0032
(u)	2007 C.O. Series	\$.0095
(v)	2007 G.O. Series	\$.0137
(w)	2007 Airport G.O. Series	\$.0024
(x)	2008 C.O. Series	\$.0051
(y)	2008 G.O. Series	\$.0176
(z)	2008A C.O. Series - Energy	\$.0179
	Debt Rate	\$.2161
	TOTAL RATE FOR THE YEAR 2008	<u>\$.6854</u>

PART 3: That there be, and are hereby authorized exemptions as follows:

- 1) Homestead exemption -- fifteen percent (15%)
- 2) Age 65 and over exemption -- \$15,000

PART 4: THIS TAX RATE WILL NOT RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL NOT RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME.

- PART 5: That notice for the public hearings on the 14th day of August, 2008, and the 28th day of August, 2008, were given by publication in the Abilene Reporter-News on the 5th day of August, 2008.
- PART 6: That notice for the public hearing on the 11th day of September, 2008, was given by publication in the Abilene Reporter-News on the 31st day of August, 2008.
- PART 7: That a public hearing was held on the 11th day of September, 2008, in accordance with the City Charter.
- PART 8: That any ordinance, resolution, policy or any provision or section of the Code of the City of Abilene, Texas, as amended, in conflict herewith, be, and the same is hereby repealed to the extent of any conflict.

PART 9: That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its date of final passage.

PASSED ON FIRST READING on the 23rd day of July, A.D. 2008.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AT A PUBLIC HEARING on the 11^{th} day of September, A.D. 2008.

ATTEST:

MAYOR

APPROVED:

CHTY ATTORNE