

ORDINANCE NO. 554

AN ORDINANCE ATTESTING TO THE POSSIBLE INCREASE IN TAXES LEVIED FOR BUDGET YEAR 2004 NECESSARY TO FINANCE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Wathena, Kansas, must continue to provide services to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this community; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of providing essential services to the citizens of this City continues to increase.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Wathena, Kansas:

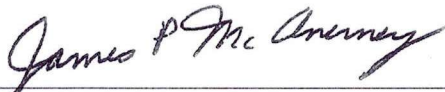
SECTION 1. In accordance with state law, the City of Wathena, Kansas, has scheduled a public hearing and has prepared the proposed budget necessary to fund City services from January 1, 2004, until December 31, 2004.

SECTION 2. After careful public deliberations, the Governing Body has determined that in order to maintain the public services that are essential for the citizens of this City, it will be necessary to budget property tax revenues in an amount exceeding the levy in the 2003 budget.

SECTION 3. All ordinances of the City of Wathena, Kansas, and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect from and after its adoption and publication once in the official City newspaper.


ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY ON THIS 4th DAY OF AUGUST, 2003.



James P. McAnerney, Mayor

ATTEST:

(CITY SEAL)



James Richardson, City Clerk