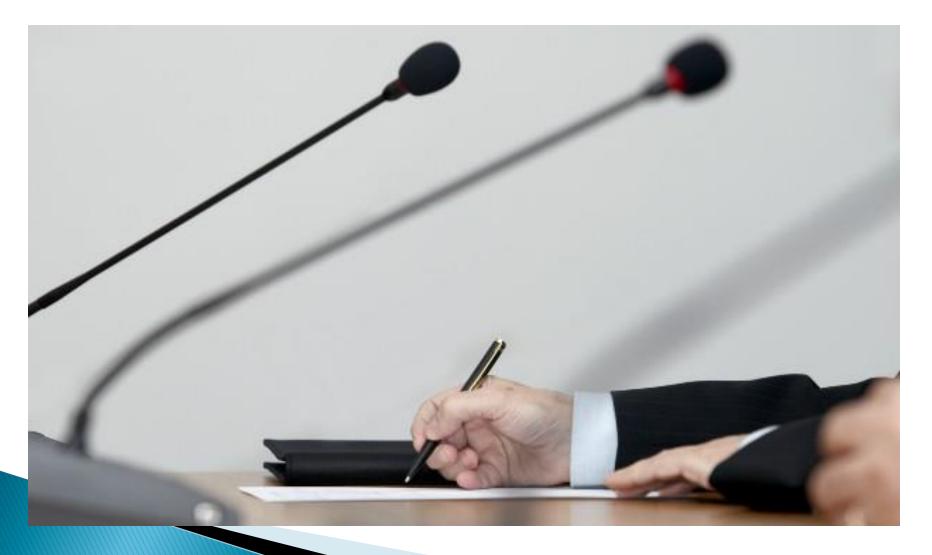
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## Ordinances, Codification, Municipal Research, Document Management, and Some Other Things As I Think of Them...

#### ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS



### **Key Differences**

#### Proclamations

- Done by mayor's initiative
- Ceremonial in nature (usually)

#### Resolutions

- A statement of opinion or policy
- Can have contractual or administrative significance

#### Ordinances

- Carry more weight
- Is more formal and authoritative
- Often imposes a penalty
- In most cases, are general and permanent

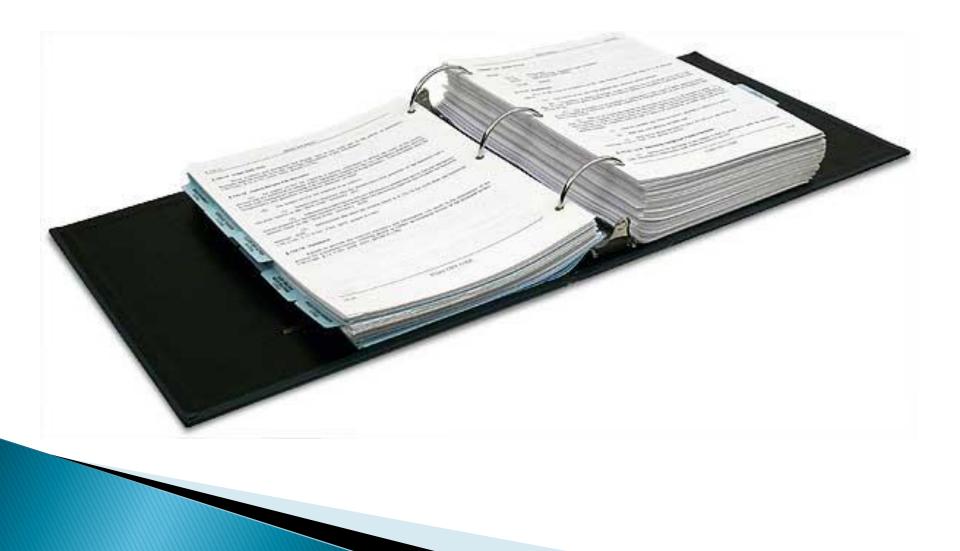
#### When MUST you have an ordinance?

- If you are enacting anything that has a penalty for violation
- If state law or the charter requires that the regulation be in ordinance form
- If you are amending another ordinance

## Parts of an Ordinance

- Number (optional)
- Caption (optional sometimes)
- Preamble (optional)
- Enacting clause (required)
- Body (required)
- Penalty clause (required sometimes)
- Severability clause (optional)
- Statement of adoption, signatures (required)

#### **CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES**



### **Codification Process**

- Step 1: Organization classification of ordinances
- Step 2: Editing and review of the ordinances
- Step 3: Revision and updating of ordinances
- Step 4: Adoption of the new code

- Step 5: Use of the code (Printed, Online)
- Step 6: Supplementing the code over time

# Why should we codify our ordinances?

- Organization
- Council–Staff Relations
- City-Citizen Relations
- Time/Cost Savings
- Assist in Enforcement
- Makes Ordinance Accessible to Everyone
- Helps in Planning for the Future

### MUNICIPAL RESEARCH



### Internet Expansion

EMAIL

- First email sent: 1971
- Today: Over 7 billion email accounts
- 300 billion emails sent per day—78% are spam

WEBSITES

- 1<sup>st</sup> website: 1991
- Today: Over 2 billion websites

### **Best Practices**

- Start with a simple search and branch out
- Avoid statutes UNLESS you want them
- Make sure the information you find is:
  - 1) Current
  - 2) Local
  - 3) Applicable

#### Municipal Code Research Using Franklin Legal Website

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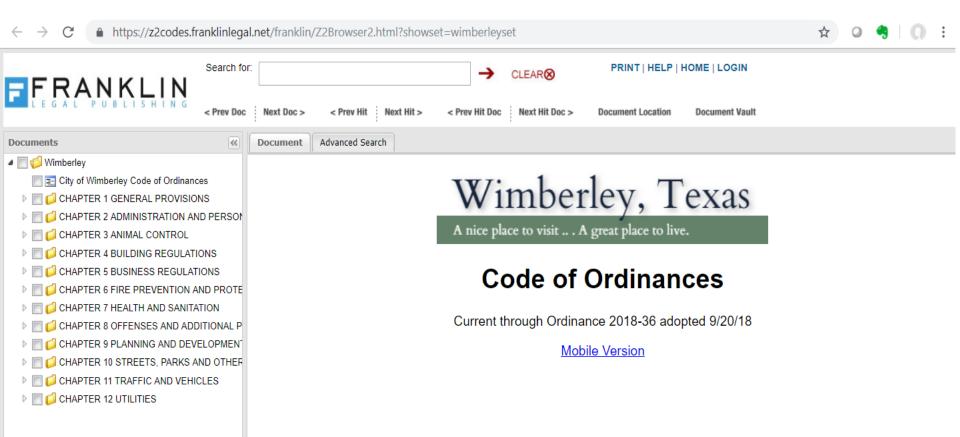
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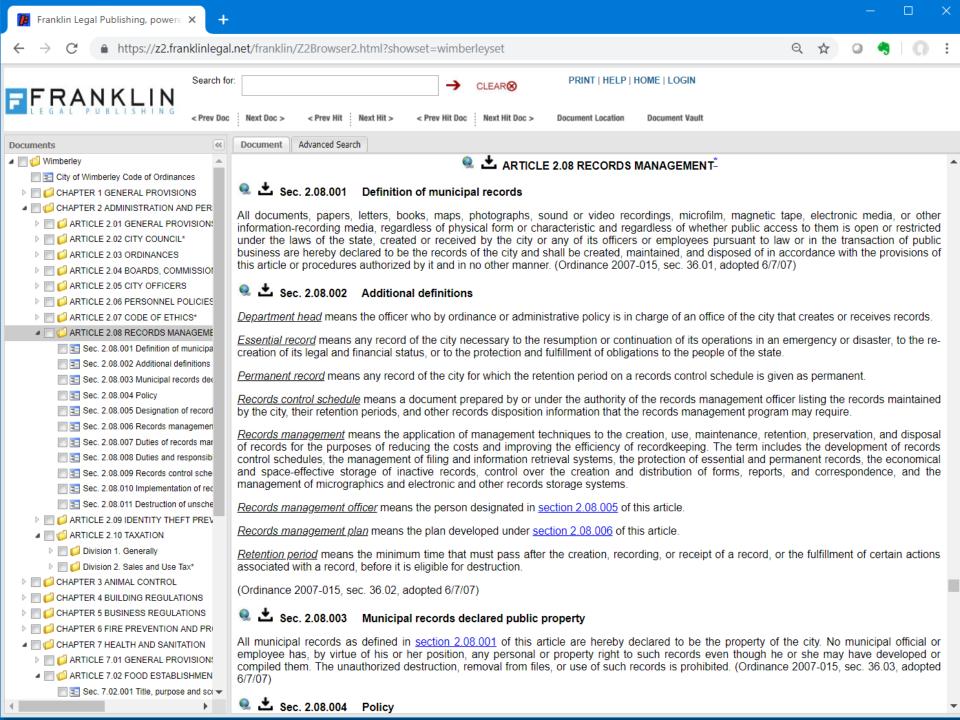
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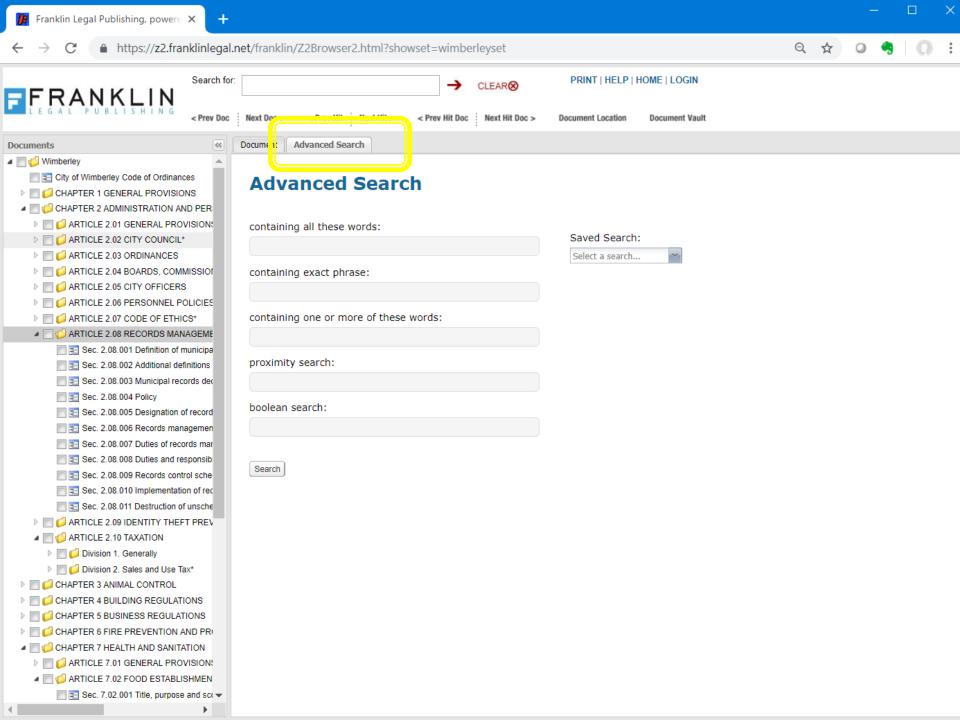
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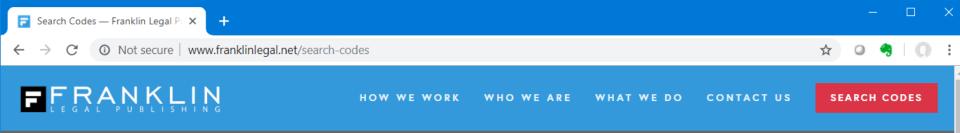
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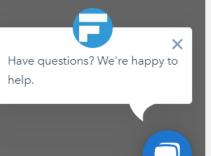
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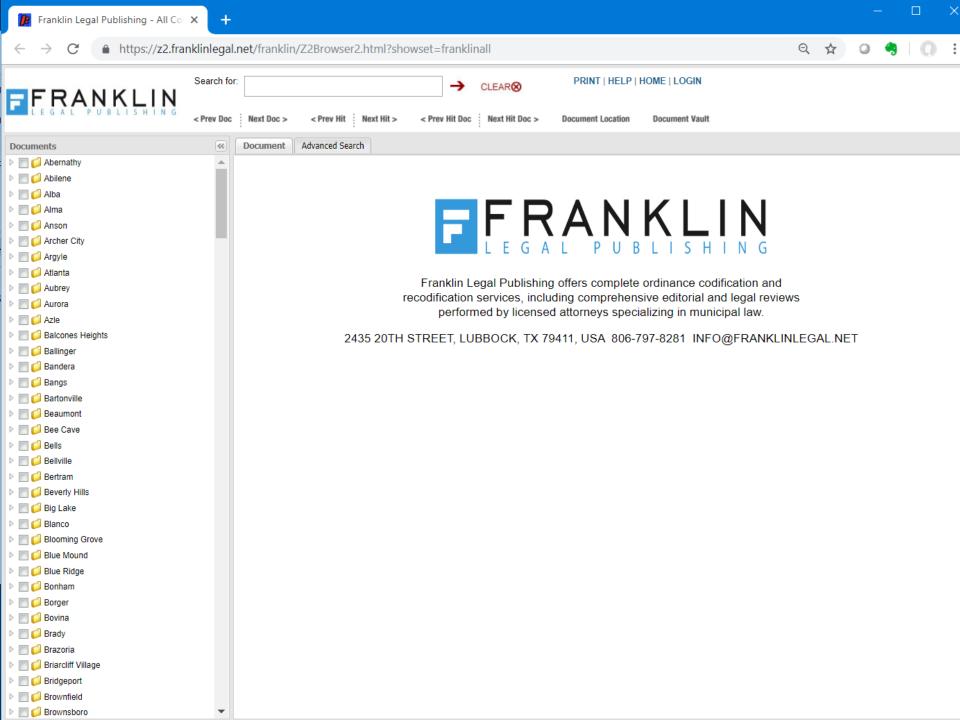
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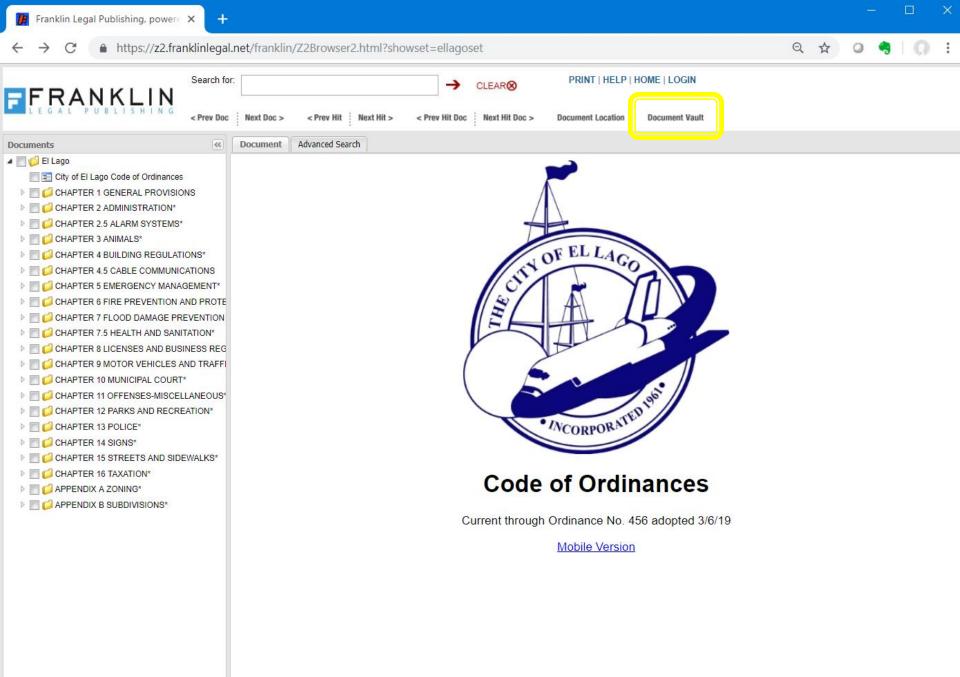
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#### **ORDINANCE NO. 442**

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF EL LAGO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF EL LAGO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017.

WHEREAS, The budget, appended here as Exhibit A, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 was duly presented to the City Council by the Mayor;

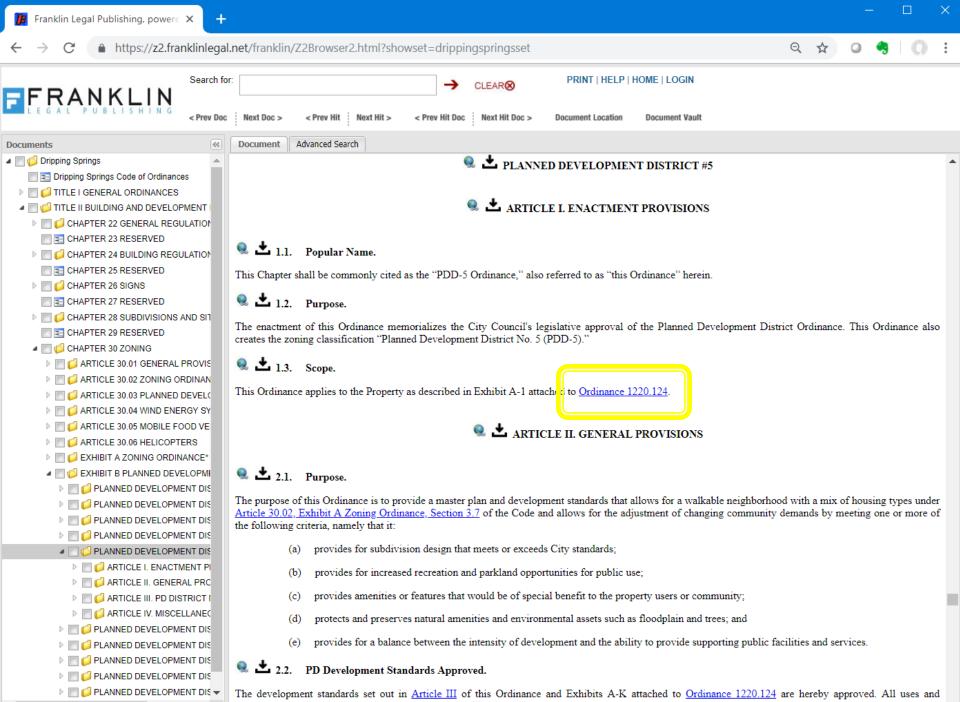
#### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL LAGO:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That the appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017, for the support of the general government of the City of El Lago, Texas, be fixed and determined for said terms in accordance with the expenditures shown in the City's fiscal year 2017.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> That the budget, as shown in Exhibit A, is hereby approved in all respects and adopted as the City's budget for October 1, 2016, and ending september 30, 2017.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 201

ATTEST:



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#### PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 5: HERITAGE SUBDIVISION

Planned Development District Ordinance No. 1220.124

Recommended for Approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission on:

September 26, 2017

Approved by the City Council on: October 10, 2017

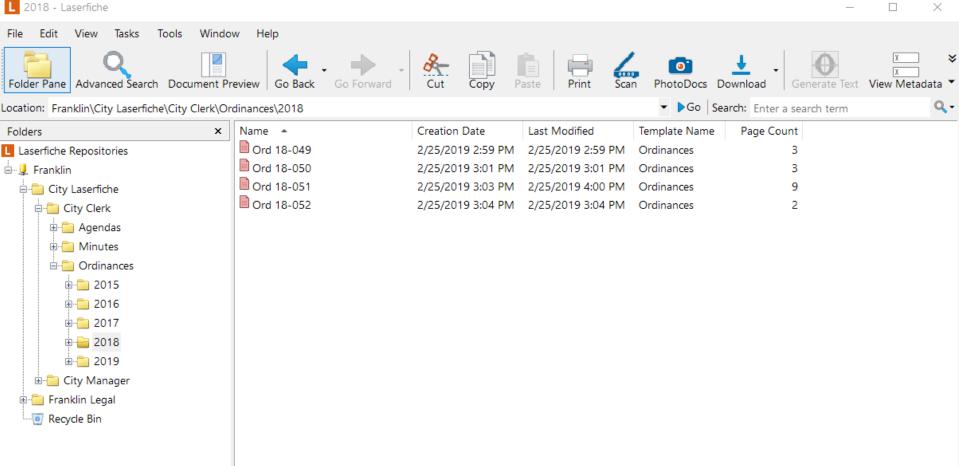
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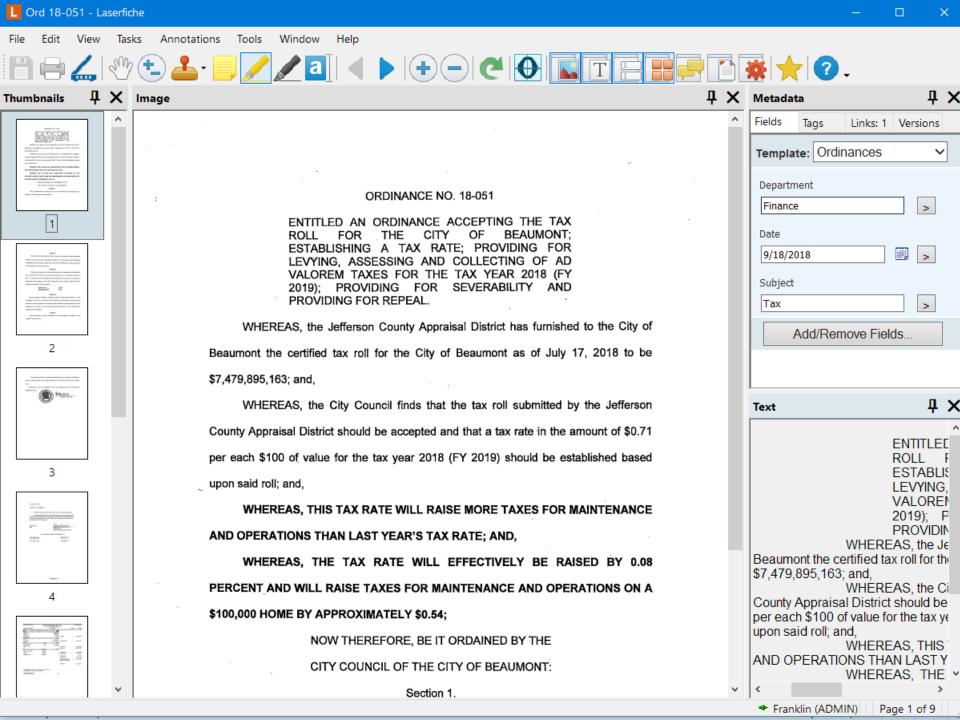




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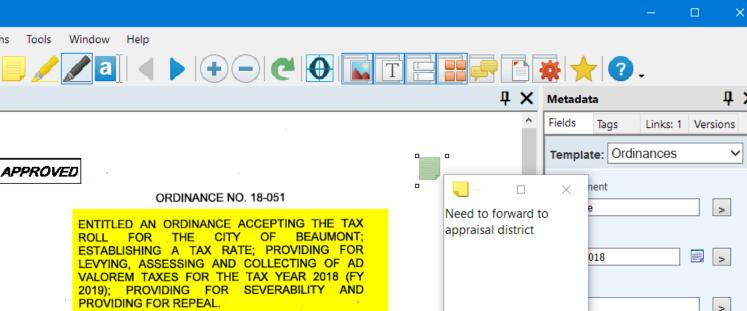
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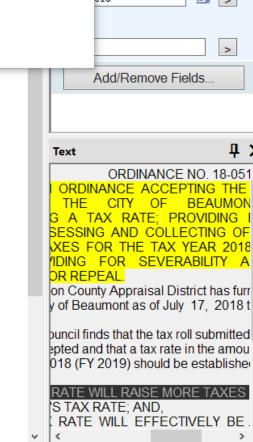
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the tax roll submitted by the Jefferson County Appraisal District should be accepted and that a tax rate in the amount of \$0.71 per each \$100 of value for the tax year 2018 (FY 2019) should be established based upon said roll; and,

WHEREAS, THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE; AND,

WHEREAS, THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 0.08 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$0.54;

> NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT:

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