

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF SALINE COUNTY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO ADJUST THE MILLAGE CURRENTLY COLLECTED FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM ONE AND SEVEN TENTH (1.7) MILLS TO ONE AND ONE TENTH (1.1) MILLS."

WHEREAS, the current millage for maintenance and operation of the public library in Saline County, Arkansas, is one and seven tenths (1.7) mills, as approved by election in Saline County Ordinance No. 98-37; and

WHEREAS, the population of Saline County, Arkansas, the year the current millage rate was approved in 1998 was 80,449, according to the US Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the latest population estimate data for Saline County, Arkansas, by the US Census Bureau estimates a population of 131,252 for 2024, representing a population growth of 50,803 people in twenty-six years after the passage of the current millage rate; and

WHEREAS, the substantial increase in population correlates with a substantial increase in the amount of tax dollars collected annually for the purpose of maintenance and operation of the library; and

WHEREAS, a reduction from one and seven tenths (1.7) mills to one and one tenths (1.1) mills would produce sufficient revenue for maintaining and operating the Saline County Public Library System; and

WHEREAS, in effort to continue to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, it is necessary to collect only what is needed to continue to maintain and operate the public library system and submit to the electors the question of whether an adjustment is necessary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Quorum Court of Saline County, Arkansas that:

Article 1. At the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, there shall be submitted to the electors of Saline County, Arkansas, the question of reducing the existing Library Ad Valorem Tax levied from the existing one and seven tenths (1.7) mills to a new rate of one and one tenths (1.1) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the County of Saline, Arkansas.

Article 2. The question to reduce the millage shall be placed on the ballot and shall be submitted to the electors of Saline County in substantially the following form:

FOR a reduction of the existing library tax rate from one and seven tenths (1.7) mills to a new library tax rate of one and one tenths (1.1) mills levied on real and personal property to be used for maintenance and operation of a public county library system.

AGAINST a reduction of the existing library tax rate from one and seven tenths (1.7) mills to a new library tax rate of one and one tenths (1.1) mills levied on real and personal property to be used for maintenance and operation of a public county library system.