

commercial banks operating in the City (the “Prime Rate”); and

Whereas, The Banking Commission notes that the Prime Rate now stands at six percent (6%) as published by the Federal Reserve Board of Governors; and

Whereas, It is in the best interest of the City to encourage the prompt payment of taxes on real estate by all large taxpayers; and

Whereas, The Banking Commission recommended to the City Council, that the interest rate to be charged for non-payment of taxes on properties where the assessed value on a parcel is over eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000), or over eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) per residential unit for cooperative apartments, be eighteen percent (18%) per annum for Fiscal 2006; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council establishes that the interest rate be 18% per annum for Fiscal Year 2006 for non-payment of taxes on properties with an assessed value of over \$80,000, or over \$80,000 per residential unit for cooperative apartments.