



FY 2026 BUDGET

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025





FY 2026 Proposed Budget Highlights



- Reduces the property tax rate from 0.6848 to .6825
- Enhances employee pay, benefits, resources, and training to support retention and recruitment
- Commits \$45.8 million for capital expenditures including the use of reserves for public safety facilities
- Maintains disciplined financial management and healthy financial position

Property Tax Rate Reference Points

Current Rate: 0.684800

Adopted by the City Council on September 3, 2024

FY 2026

No-new-revenue Rate (NNR): 0.662791

The NNR tax rate is the rate the taxing unit needs to generate about the same amount of revenue they received in the previous year if the rate was applied to the same amount of properties in both years. When property values rise, the NNR tax rate goes down.

Voter-approval tax rate (VATR): 0.708873

Taxing units need to get voter approval before they exceed this rate. Cities can set a tax rate that is three and half percent higher than the NNR rate for operating expenses. The calculation includes additional adjustments related to sales tax and unused increment.

Property Tax - Compliance Requirements

The State of Texas requires multiple methods of posting notices about the tax rate before a city adopts a tax rate. These methods help ensure that the public is properly informed.

- **Transparency and Accountability**
- **Reaching Different Audiences**
- **Preventing “hidden” tax increases**
- **Encouraging Public Participation**
- **Legal Safeguards**

In summary, multiple methods are used to ensure fairness, avoid surprises, and protect taxpayers by making the budget and tax rate process as visible as possible.

Tax Rate History

						Average Annual % Change
Fiscal Year	M&O	I&S	Total Rate	\$ Change	% Change	
2022	0.726565	0.034363	0.760928	-0.002	-0.31%	
2023	0.661579	0.032742	0.694321	-0.067	-8.75%	
2024	0.649853	0.030147	0.680000	-0.014	-2.06%	
2025	0.658533	0.026267	0.684800	0.0048	0.71%	
2026	0.656727	0.025773	0.682500	-0.0023	-0.34%	-2.15%

Proposed FY26 Budget recommends a tax rate of 0.6825

Proposed tax rate is 12% lower than 2021.

2nd Lowest rate in over a decade

M&O = Maintenance & Operations

I&S = Interest and Sinking Fund (Debt)

Property Tax Rates and Revenue

(Sorted by Revenue Per Capita)

City	FY 25 Tax Rate	Assessed Value (in Billions)	Tax Levy	Population	Levy per Capita
Richardson	0.5422	\$26,459,121,662	\$143,456,065	118,221	\$1,213
Carrollton	0.5388	\$23,062,381,503	\$124,248,578	135,456	\$917
Flower Mound	0.3873	\$16,913,675,165	\$65,501,927	79,990	\$819
Lewisville	0.4224	\$22,808,819,579	\$96,352,436	135,983	\$709
Temple	0.6265	\$10,717,873,784	\$67,147,479	96,267	\$698
Bryan	0.6240	\$9,925,284,089	\$61,933,772	91,541	\$677
Round Rock	0.3600	\$25,376,593,462	\$91,355,735	135,359	\$675
Georgetown	0.3647	\$18,671,733,059	\$68,095,810	101,344	\$672
Longview	0.5619	\$9,418,946,205	\$52,925,058	83,668	\$633
San Angelo	0.7544	\$8,354,061,616	\$63,023,040	100,159	\$629
College Station	0.5131	\$14,898,528,499	\$76,442,263	128,023	\$597
Abilene	0.7577	\$9,850,090,977	\$74,634,139	130,501	\$572
Wichita Falls	0.6848	\$7,649,667,455	\$52,384,922	102,372	\$512
Odessa	0.4663	\$12,451,947,009	\$58,060,315	119,748	\$485
Tyler	0.2401	\$13,395,742,403	\$32,161,168	112,219	\$287
Average	0.5229	\$15,330,297,764	\$75,181,514	111,390	\$673