
The Garden Ridge City Council will meet in a regular session on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas. This is an open meeting, open to the public, subject to the Open Meetings Law of the State of Texas, and as required by law, notice is hereby posted providing time, place, date, and agenda thereof. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are provided. Requests for accommodations or interpretative services must be made to the City Secretary 48 hours prior to this meeting.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call**2. Pledge of Allegiance****3. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total**

Rules for Citizens' Participation: The City Council welcomes citizen participation and comments at all City Council Meetings. If you speak, you must follow these guidelines:

a) Respect and courtesy:

1. Direct your comments to the entire City Council, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
2. Show the City Council the same respect that you would like to be shown.
3. End your speaking at the time allotted below.

b) Speaking:**1. First citizen comment period.**

- 1.1. You are required to sign up to speak and you are limited to one 3-minute period.

2. Second citizen comment period.

- 2.1. You are not required to sign up and you are limited to one 2-minute period.

3. State your name and address before your comments begin.**4. You are only allowed to speak once per topic, unless also speaking during a posted Public Hearing.**

NOTE: The Texas Open Meetings Act permits a member of the public or a member of the governmental body to raise a subject that has not been included in the notice for the meeting. However, any discussion of the subject must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting and any response to a question posed to the City Council is limited to either a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.042.

4. Consent Agenda

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a) Approval of Minutes for the August 5, 2025, City Council Special Meeting.**b) Approval of Minutes for the August 6, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting.****c) Approval of Minutes for the August 25, 2025, City Council Special Meeting.****d) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – July 31, 2025.****5. Staff Reports****a) City Manager Monthly Activity Report.**

- City/employee recognitions, *Volunteer Garden Ridge!*, Community and Event Center report, building permits, citizen concern/input, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.

b) Finance/HR Monthly Activity Report.

- Financial reporting, audits, employee benefits, communication efforts, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.



- c) City Secretary Monthly Activity Report.
 - Administrative operations and projects, records management, communication efforts, citizen concern/input, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.
- d) Police Department Monthly Activity Report.
 - Traffic/code compliance enforcement, criminal activity, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.
- e) Public Works Department Monthly Activity Report.
 - Public Facilities: Street/right-of-way maintenance, drainage facility/easement maintenance, City facilities maintenance, animal services, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.
 - Utilities: Water pumping/usage from City wells, system infrastructure maintenance/repairs/projects, leak adjustments, water/drought management, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.
- f) Library Monthly Activity Report.
 - Upcoming events and continuity of operations.

6. City Engineer Projects Status Reports

- a) FM 2252 TxDOT Project: receive report and provide direction, as needed.
- b) Land Development Projects: receive report and provide direction, as needed.

7. City Commission Reports/Recommendations/Possible Actions

- a) Planning and Zoning Commission:
 - 1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
- b) Water Commission:
 - 1. Expiring Terms (September 30, 2025) of Commissioners.
 - 1.1. Receive recommendation to reappoint Commissioner Dr. Carmichael and Commissioner Harshbarger to serve another term with terms expiring September 30, 2027.
 - 1.2. Discuss and take action.
 - 2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

8. Approvals and Authorizations

The following items are for discussion, consideration, and action.

- a) Request from Buckley Powder Co., for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at Heidelberg Materials Servtex Quarry for the period of October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026, and set annual permit fee.
- b) Ordinance No. 245-092025 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; providing for a cumulative clause, a severability clause, and a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and declaring proper notice of meeting.
- c) 2025 Tax Rate.
 - 1. Hold a public hearing.
 - 2. Discuss and take action on Ordinance No. 246-092025 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting a Tax Rate of \$0.246430 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) consisting of the Maintenance and Operation Rate and Debt Service Rate of assessed valuation for the City of Garden Ridge to be effective for the 2025 Tax Year (Fiscal Year 2026).
- d) Ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge.

- e) Interview Panel Recommendation for Appointment to Water Commission.
- f) Discussion on possible amendments to Ordinance No. 168 related to the use of golf carts.
- g) Agenda Format/Structure.
- h) Third-Party Monitoring related to Ordinance No. 34.

9. Updates

- a) City Council Projects.
 - 1. Aggregate Production Operations (APO) impacting Garden Ridge (Swint and Arvidson).
 - 2. Mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge (Swint and Harralson).
 - 3. Economic Development (Smith and Swint).
 - 4. Outreach and Communication Efforts between Residents and City Council (Reyes).

10. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

11. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total

See “Rules for Citizens’ Participation” under Item 3.

12. Reports and Comments from Mayor and City Councilmembers

The Mayor and/or City Councilmembers may comment, make general announcements, and/or provide progress reports on events, activities and/or committees/board meetings concerning the following:

- 100 Club of Comal County
- Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization/Technical Advisory Committee
- Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts
- City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts
- Comal ISD (Garden Ridge Elementary School/Danville Middle School/Davenport High School)
- Counties (Bexar/Comal/Guadalupe)
- Families of Garden Ridge
- Garden Ridge Lions Club and Garden Ridge Women’s Club
- Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol
- Great Springs Project
- Greater Bexar County Council of Cities
- Hill Country Alliance
- Northeast Partnership
- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
- Tri-County Chamber of Commerce

13. Adjournment

AGENDA NOTICES:

Decorum Required: Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order of removal.

Action by Council Authorized: The Council may vote or act upon any item within this Agenda. The Council reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

Executive Sessions Authorized: This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is anticipated that members of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the City Council, other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action are specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission, or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

This is to certify that I, Marisa Spencer, posted this Agenda at 4:00 p.m. on August 26, 2025, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.

Marisa Spencer

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Lisa Swint
Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Smith
Councilmember Jim Mueller
Councilmember Krendra Harralson
Councilmember Todd Arvidson

Councilmembers Absent:

Councilmember Brian Reyes

City Staff Present:

Ryan Rapelye, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Cyndi Simmons, Assistant City Secretary
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
Eric Lowman, Public Facilities Foreman
Duane Scognio, Utilities Foreman
Linda Crosland, Library Director

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Swint called the special meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Swint led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

3. Citizen Comment Period

No one signed up to speak.

4. Approvals and Authorizations

The following items are for discussion and consideration.

a) Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budgets for the City of Garden Ridge.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye stated the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budgets were filed with the City Secretary on Friday, August 1, 2025, in compliance with Texas Local Government Code and Truth-in-Taxation laws.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye reviewed the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budgets for the City of Garden Ridge and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

b) 2025 No-New-Revenue, Voter-Approval, and De Minimis Tax Rate Calculations.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye and Finance/HR Director Robyn Achu reviewed the 2025 Tax Rate Calculations and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

5. Citizen Comment Period

Bruce Stapp, 9297 Cinchona Trail, spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Library.

John Andrews, 9403 Gloxinia Drive, spoke regarding the budget and tax rate.



6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Tuesday, August 5, 2025, City Council special meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. by Mayor Swint.

ATTEST

Lisa Swint
Mayor

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Lisa Swint
Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Smith
Councilmember Jim Mueller
Councilmember Krendra Harralson
Councilmember Todd Arvidson
Councilmember Brian Reyes

Councilmembers Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Ryan Rapelye, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Cyndi Simmons, Assistant City Secretary
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
Eric Lowman, Public Facilities Foreman
Duane Scognio, Utilities Foreman
Linda Crosland, Library Director
Natalie Thamm, City Attorney

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Swint called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Swint led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

3. Citizen Comment Period

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act, Republic Services Franchise Agreement, and water rates.

Kim Schimick, 8223 Shining Elk, spoke regarding golf carts.

Gabe Sapefield, 9325 Bluebell Drive, spoke regarding golf carts.

Brian Campbell, 9335 Sumac Lane, spoke regarding golf carts.

David Krawczynski, 8475 Park Lane Drive, spoke regarding golf carts.

4. Consent Agenda

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- a) **Approval of Minutes for the July 2, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- b) **Approval of Minutes for the July 23, 2025, City Council Special Meeting.**



c) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – June 30, 2025.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve consent agenda items a)-c). The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Staff Reports

a) City Manager Monthly Activity Report.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye reviewed employee recognitions/employee anniversaries and spoke regarding continuity of city operations.

b) Finance/HR Monthly Activity Report.

Finance/HR Director Robyn Achu spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Finance/HR Department.

c) City Secretary Monthly Activity Report.

City Secretary Marisa Spencer reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Administrative Department.

d) Police Department Monthly Activity Report.

Chief Eberhardt reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Police Department.

e) Public Works Department Monthly Activity Report.

Public Facilities Foreman Eric Lowman reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Public Facilities Department.

Utilities Foreman Duane Scognio reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Utilities Department.

f) Library Monthly Activity Report.

Library Director Linda Crosland reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Library.

6. City Engineer Projects Status Reports

City Engineer Hank Crippen reviewed the City Engineer monthly activity report and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

7. City Commission Reports/Recommendations/Possible Actions

a) Planning and Zoning Commission:

Mayor Swint stated the Commission did not meet in July.

b) Water Commission:

Mayor Swint stated the Commission did not meet in July.

8. Approvals and Authorizations

The following items are for discussion, consideration, and action.

- a) Ordinance No. 54-082025 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting a comprehensive water company for the City of Garden Ridge; providing definitions and statement of organization; establishing a water commission, general policies, regulations and rules, and rates and billing cycles; providing for a penalty; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye reviewed Ordinance No. 54-082025 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, to approve No. 54-082025 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting a comprehensive water company for the City of Garden Ridge; providing definitions and statement of organization; establishing a water commission, general policies, regulations and rules, and rates and billing cycles; providing for a penalty; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Appointment of Ex-Officio Member to the Water Commission.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Reyes, to appoint Councilmember Mueller as the Ex-Officio Member to the Water Commission. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) 2025 Tax Rates.

1. Review the 2025 No-New-Revenue, Voter-Approval, and De Minimis Tax Rate Calculations.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye reviewed the 2025 Property Tax Rate Calculations and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

2. Propose, by record vote, a tax rate for the 2025 tax year.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Mueller, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to propose the voter-approval tax rate calculation of \$0.246430, consisting of \$0.199057 M&O Rate and \$0.047373 Debt Rate, for the 2025 tax year.

The City Council voted by roll call:

Place 1 Mayor Pro-Tem Smith – aye
Place 2 Councilmember Mueller – aye
Place 3 Councilmember Harralson – aye
Place 4 Councilmember Arvidson – aye
Place 5 Councilmember Reyes – aye

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Announce date, time, and place of 2025 tax rate public hearing and adoption.

Mayor Swint announced the 2025 tax rate public hearing and adoption is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 6pm, at City Hall.

d) Request from Buckley Powder Co., for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at Heidelberg Materials Servtex Quarry for the period of October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026, and set annual permit fee.

Mayor Swint stated this item needs further evaluation and recommended to table until the next meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, to table this item until the next meeting. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

e) Discussion on possible amendments to Ordinance No. 168 related to the use of golf carts.

Chief Eberhardt spoke regarding state regulations related to the use of golf carts and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

The City Council agreed by consensus to continue researching and discussing this item.

9. Updates

a) City Council Projects.

1. Aggregate Production Operations (APO) impacting Garden Ridge (Swint and Arvidson).

Mayor Swint provided updates related to Aggregate Production Operations (APO) impacting Garden Ridge.

2. Mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge (Swint and Harralson).

Mayor Swint and Councilmember Harralson provided updates related to mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge.

3. Economic Development (Smith and Swint).

Mayor Swint and Mayor Pro-Tem Smith provided updates related to Economic Development.

10. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Reyes requested to discuss outreach and communication efforts between residents and City Council.

11. Citizen Comment Period

Sharon Stripling, 21729 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding water restrictions and golf carts.

Bill Pohl, 21016 Hickory Bend, spoke regarding golf carts.

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding water restrictions and the Texas Open Meetings Act.

12. Reports and Comments from Mayor and City Councilmembers

The Mayor and/or City Councilmembers may comment, make general announcements, and/or provide progress reports on events, activities and/or committees/board meetings concerning the following:

100 Club of Comal County, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization/Technical Advisory Committee, Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts, City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts, Comal ISD (Garden Ridge Elementary/ Danville Middle School/Davenport High School), Counties (Bexar/Comal/Guadalupe), Families of Garden Ridge, Garden Ridge Lions Club and Garden Ridge Women’s Club, Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol, Great Springs Project, Greater Bexar County Council of Cities, Hill Country Alliance, Northeast Partnership, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce Events. Councilmember Arvidson spoke regarding Eagle Scouts and Comal ISD.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, August 6, 2025, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. by Mayor Swint.

ATTEST

Lisa Swint
Mayor

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Lisa Swint
Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Smith
Councilmember Jim Mueller
Councilmember Krendra Harralson
Councilmember Todd Arvidson
Councilmember Brian Reyes

Councilmembers Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Ryan Rapelye, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Cyndi Simmons, Assistant City Secretary
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Library Director

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Swint called the special meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, August 25, 2025, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Swint led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

3. Citizen Comment Period

No one signed up to speak.

4. Approvals and Authorizations

The following items are for discussion, consideration, and action.

a) Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget for the City of Garden Ridge.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye reviewed the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget Revision #1 and spoke regarding incorporating one additional full-time Patrol Officer position.

1. Hold a public hearing.

Mayor Swint opened the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

No one wished to speak, and City Secretary Marisa Spencer stated no written comments were submitted.

Mayor Swint closed the public hearing at 6:17 p.m.

2. Discuss and take action on the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget for the City of Garden Ridge.

The City Council discussed the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget for the City of Garden Ridge.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Harralson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget Revision #1 to the General Fund as outlined by the City Manager, which includes one additional full-time Patrol Officer position for the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding finalizing the budget to be adopted by ordinance during the September 3, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting.

5. Citizen Comment Period

No one wished to speak.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Monday, August 25, 2025, City Council special meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m. by Mayor Swint.

ATTEST

Lisa Swint
Mayor

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
MONTHLY ACCOUNT BALANCES & INTEREST RATES
PERIOD ENDED AS OF 07/31/2025

CITY FUNDS	BALANCE	CURRENT INTEREST RATE
GF OPERATING ACCOUNT	476,835.28	0.40%
GF MONEY MARKET	1,379,598.23	3.67%
PEG CAPITAL FEES	61,625.80	3.67%
TEXPOOL INVESTMENTS	3,422,181.24	4.31%
2017 I&S	2,620.44	3.67%
2012 I&S	28,964.96	3.67%
2012 REFI	13,913.09	3.67%
2015 I&S	48,729.45	3.67%
TEXPOOL WATER IMPACT FEES	196,719.64	4.31%
TEXPOOL STREET IMPACT FEES	68,081.19	4.31%
AMERICAN RECOVERY ACCT	5,859.89	3.67%
TEXPOOL AMERICAN RECOVERY ACCT	197,642.56	4.31%
ASSET/FORFEITURE - FED	73,000.02	3.67%
ASSET/FORFEITURE - STATE	29,035.87	3.67%
TOTAL CITY FUNDS	\$ 6,004,807.66	

WATER FUNDS	BALANCE	CURRENT INTEREST RATE
OPERATING ACCOUNT	1,069,087.55	3.67%
WATER SURCHARGE	164,988.00	3.67%
TEXPOOL WATER INVEST	1,369,713.28	4.31%
SIB LOAN I&S	3,356.92	3.67%
SIB RESERVE	47,745.32	3.67%
TOTAL WATER FUNDS	\$ 2,654,891.07	
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	\$ 8,659,698.73	

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
CASH & INVESTMENTS STATEMENT
PERIOD ENDED AS OF 07/31/2025

GENERAL FUND	BALANCE
GF Operational Checking	\$ 476,835.28
GF Money Market	1,379,598.23
GF Peg Capital Fund	61,625.80
TexPool Investments	3,422,181.24
Restricted Amounts: (Including GF Peg Capital Fund)	(382,937.93)
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	<u>\$ 4,957,302.62</u>

WATER FUND	BALANCE
Operational Checking	\$ 1,069,087.55
TexPool Water Invest	1,369,713.28
Water Surcharge	164,988.00
Restricted/Unavailable Amounts	(976,048.83)
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	<u>\$ 1,627,740.00</u>

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
PERIOD ENDING AS OF 07/31/2025

GENERAL FUND	Jul-25	YTD	FY 2025 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
REVENUES	\$ 104,131.02	\$ 3,634,018.53	\$ 4,073,158.00	89.22%	\$ 439,139.47
EXPENDITURES					
ADMINISTRATION	56,337.23	825,246.90	1,096,770.00	75.24%	271,523.10
COURT	2,520.72	83,688.30	117,447.00	71.26%	33,758.70
POLICE	121,991.30	1,384,668.12	1,774,300.00	78.04%	389,631.88
PUBLIC FACILITIES	64,426.10	697,078.07	1,262,507.00	55.21%	565,428.93
COMMUNITY CENTER	20,327.77	87,401.86	149,367.00	58.51%	61,965.14
LIBRARY	13,714.71	134,521.59	171,094.00	78.62%	36,572.41
FUND CHANGES/XFER	-	-	-	0.00%	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>279,317.83</u>	<u>3,212,604.84</u>	<u>4,571,485.00</u>	70.27%	<u>1,358,880.16</u>
NET POSITION	<u>\$ (175,186.81)</u>	<u>\$ 421,413.69</u>	<u>\$ (498,327.00)</u>		<u>\$ (919,740.69)</u>

WATER FUND	Jul-25	YTD	FY 2025 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
REVENUES	\$ 175,613.21	\$ 1,808,110.30	\$ 2,175,016.00	83.13%	\$ 366,905.70
EXPENDITURES					
BOND PRINCIPLE PMTS	-	545,600.00	547,102.00		1,502.00
ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES	110,120.77	1,124,399.73	1,559,046.00		434,646.27
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>110,120.77</u>	<u>1,669,999.73</u>	<u>2,106,148.00</u>	79.29%	<u>436,148.27</u>
REVENUE +/- EXPENDITURES	<u>65,492.44</u>	<u>138,110.57</u>	<u>68,868.00</u>		<u>(69,242.57)</u>

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - COMMUNITY CENTER PERIOD ENDING AS OF 07/31/2025

REVENUES	YTD	Budget	% OF BUDGET
RENTALS	\$ 78,503.00	90,000.00	87.2%
DEPOSITS	(575.00)	4,700.00	-12.2%
CLEAN-UP FEES	4,800.00	9,500.00	50.5%
TOTAL REVENUES	82,728.00	104,200.00	79.4%
EXPENDITURES			
PAYROLL/TAXES/RETIREMENT	3,762.34	4,887.00	77.0%
MANAGER FEES	27,513.00	34,000.00	80.9%
COMPUTER MAINT/TRNG	1,407.28	1,680.00	83.8%
TELEPHONE	500.00	600.00	83.3%
UTILITIES	8,435.44	12,000.00	70.3%
MAINTENANCE	5,893.78	7,000.00	84.2%
SUPPLIES	1,866.23	3,000.00	62.2%
CLEANING	6,005.00	8,200.00	73.2%
EQUIPMENT	1,926.79	6,000.00	32.1%
MARKETING	-	-	
DONATION EXPENDITURES	-	-	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	30,092.00	72,000.00	41.8%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	87,401.86	149,367.00	58.5%
NET POSITION	\$ (4,673.86)	\$ (45,167.00)	

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – 7/31/2025

GENERAL FUND

Cash

Total available funds as of July 31, 2025, are \$4,957,303

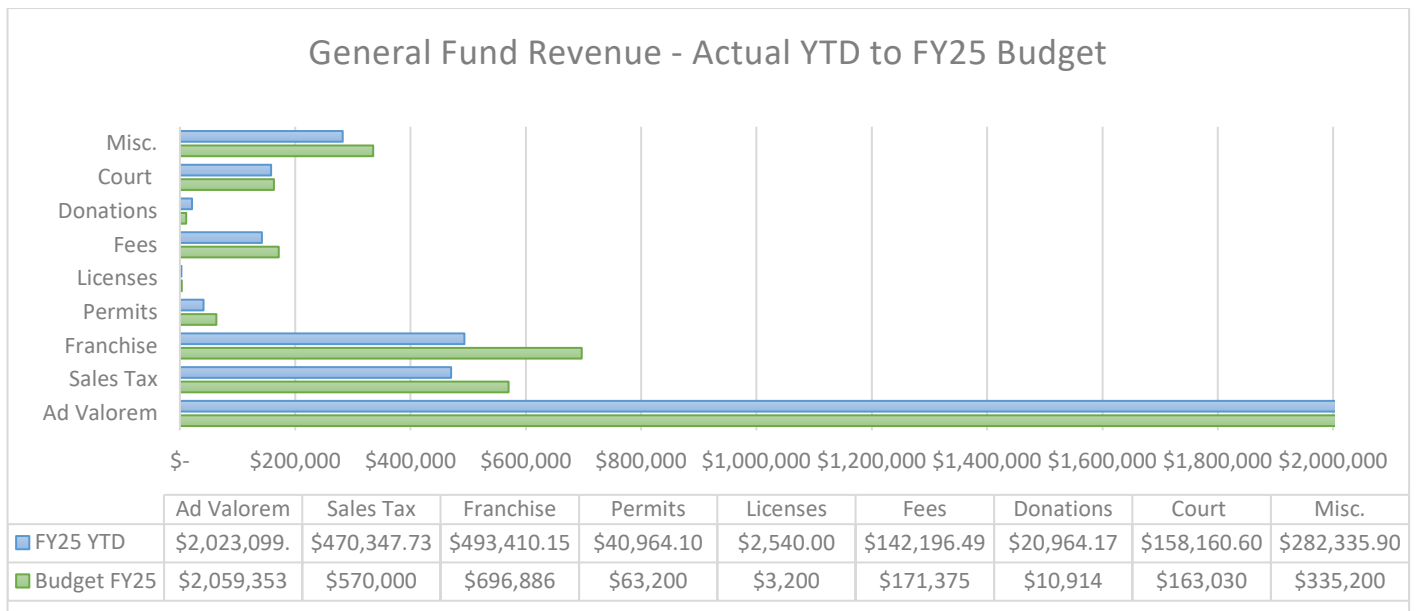
Revenue

Ad Valorem Tax received for July totals \$4,388. YTD collections total \$2,023,099 or 98% of the FY25 budget of \$2,059,353

Sale Tax Revenue received during the month of July totals \$58,631 for FY25. YTD totals \$470,348 or 83% of the \$570,000 budgeted for FY25.

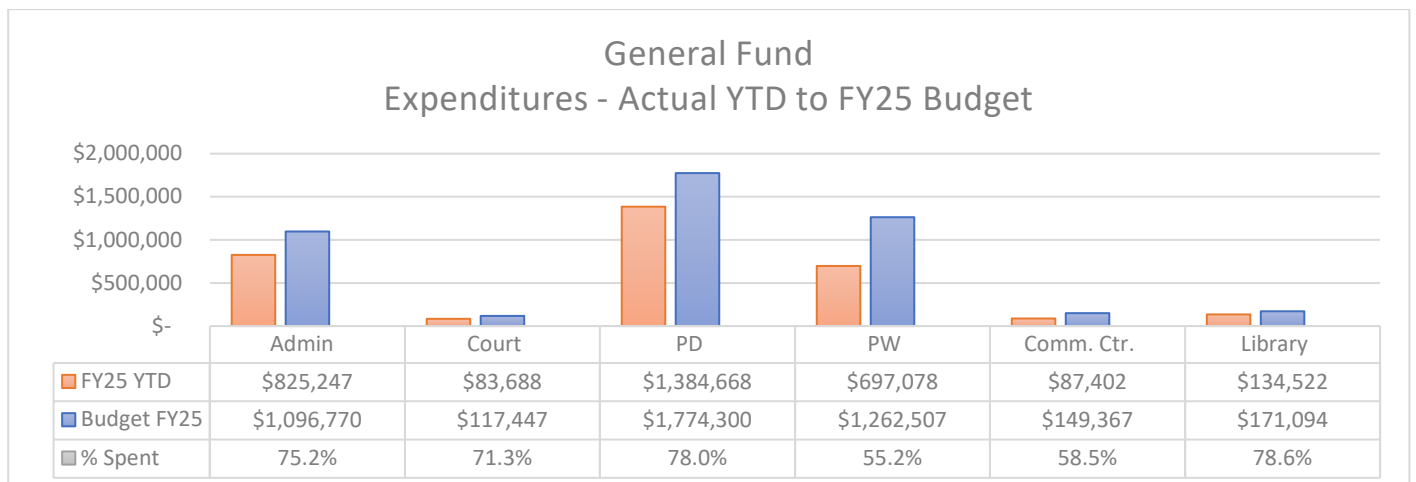
Annual Building Permits revenue totals \$39,714 or 64% of the \$62,000 budgeted for FY25.

Trash Collection YTD totals \$103,328 or 86% of the \$120,000 budgeted for FY25.



Expenditure

Expenditures for the month total \$279,318. YTD expenditures for FY25 total \$3,212,605 or 70% of the \$4,571,485 budget. All departments are operating within the FY25 budget.



WATER FUND

Meters

Current meters for July 2025 total 1694 vs 1694 for July 2024.

Cash

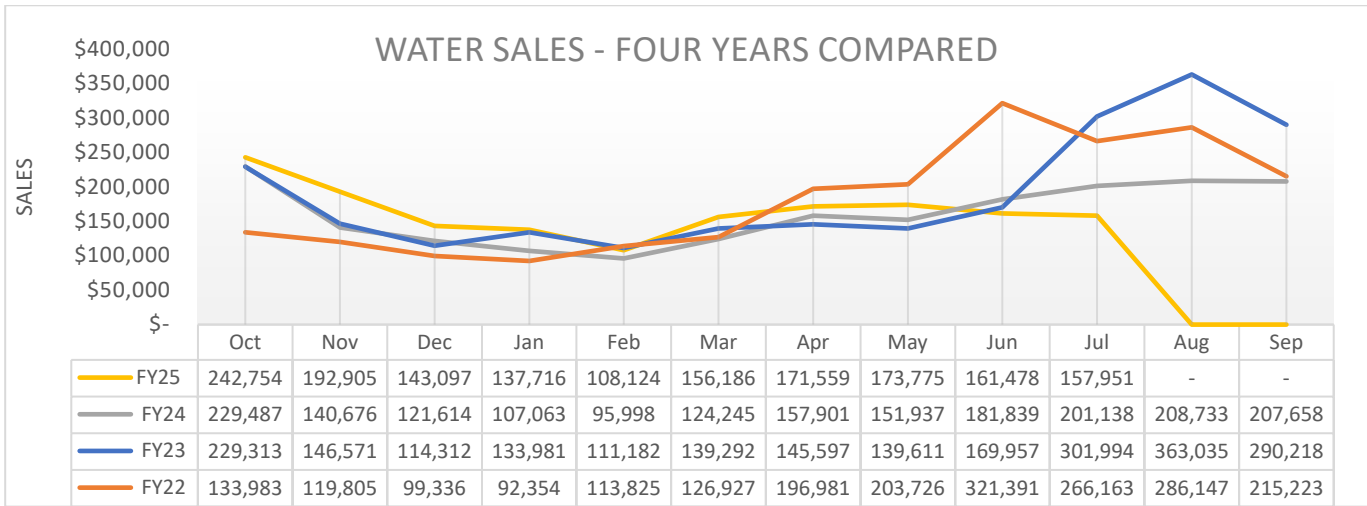
Total available funds as of July 31, 2025, are \$1,627,740.

Revenue

Revenue YTD totals \$1,808,110 or 83% of the \$2,175,016 budgeted for FY25. Total revenue for the same period last year was \$1,676,562.

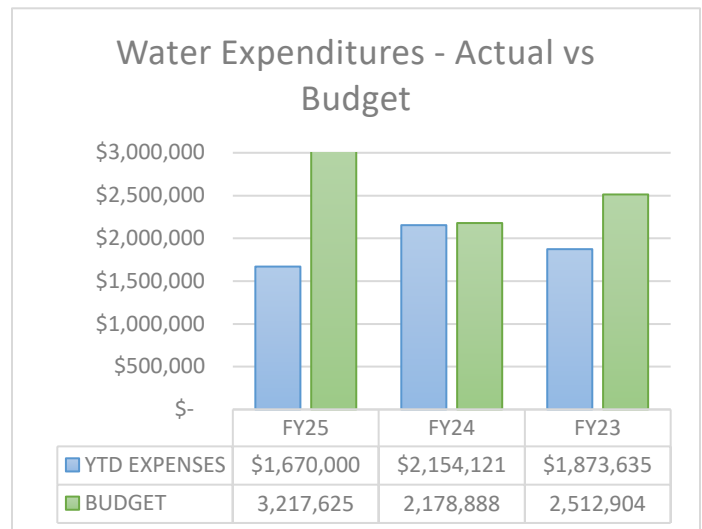
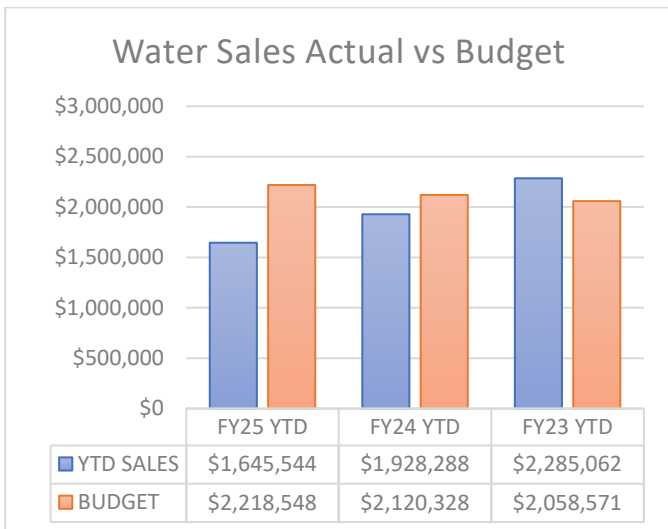
Water Sales for the month total \$157,951. YTD water sales total \$1,645,544 or 84% of the \$1,968,000 budgeted for FY25.

Meter installation revenue YTD totals \$0 or 00% of the \$4,000 budgeted for FY25.



Expenditure

Expenditures for the month total \$110,121. YTD expenditures for FY25 total \$1,670,000 or 79% of the \$2,106,148 budget.



Interest & Sinking Fund

Revenue

Ad Valorem Tax collections YTD total \$645,694 of the \$660,137 budgeted for FY25.

Expenditure

Bond interest payments and agent fees for July 2025 totaled \$0. The next bond payments are due in August 2025.

Capital Improvements Fund – (all accounts are restricted)

Cash Balance

Water Impact Fee Balance is \$196,720.

Street Impact Balance is \$68,081.

American Recovery Acct. Balance is \$203,502.

Revenue

No new revenue other than monthly interest which is included in the balances above to report for the month.

Asset Seizure Fund

Cash Balance

The Restricted Fund Balance is \$102,036.

Revenue

Month Revenue to report is \$2,973.


Expenditure

Month expenditures to report is \$22,181

Summary

The City of Garden Ridge is financially sound and operates within the Budget set forth by City Council.

No 420057 | 8 Gail Flores

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Thank You

GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPT.

(COOKIES CONTAIN PEANUTS)

Thank you for all you do for our
community each and every day.

Thank you so much for
protecting our home while we
were on vacation in July.

God Bless You All

ROBERT & LOU SIMMONS

memorandum

To: Garden Ridge City Council
From: Trihydro Corporation
cc: Mr. Ryan Rapelye, City Manager, City of Garden Ridge
Date: August 21, 2025
Re: Engineering Report for September 2025 Council Meeting

The intent of this memorandum is to provide the status of various projects that Trihydro is currently working on for the City of Garden Ridge. Updates to this memorandum subsequent to submittal will be provided at the council meeting.

FM 2252 TxDOT Project

- Project Background
 - This project is for the relocation of waterline in conjunction with TxDOT's FM 2252 roadway project. Trihydro staff are working with TxDOT to relocate existing waterlines in anticipation of roadway work.
 - Contract Price – \$1,178,337.61
 - Percent Complete – 100%
 - Schedule – Substantial completion reached on August 15.
- Project Status
 - The contractor is addressing closeout items prior to receiving retainage release. Attached to this report is a TxDOT schematic of the FM 2252 Improvements for reference. TxDOT confirmed the roadway project is currently scheduled for completion in July 2027.

SAWS Emergency Interconnect Project

- Project Background
 - This project is for a water line connection to SAWS for use in emergency situations. This project provides additional resiliency in the City water system with an added water source connection. Trihydro staff are working with SAWS to prepare an agreement for Garden Ridge consideration.
 - Project Phase – Preliminary Design
- Project Status
 - SAWS will bring the agreement in front of their board for approval on September 9. Interconnect route discussions have commenced with affected property owners.

Municipal Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project

- Project Background
 - This project is to rehabilitate the existing 328,000-gallon bolted steel ground storage tank located adjacent to the Public Works Building. This project is intended to extend the life of the deteriorating bolted tank until funding is allocated for construction of a new tank.
 - Project Phase – Bidding Phase
- Project Status
 - This project will be advertised on August 27 with bid opening scheduled for September 16.

Bat Cave Rd Improvements Project

- Project Background
 - This project will rehabilitate the 0.67-mile City-owned section of Bat Cave Rd spanning from Park View Dr through the Triumphant Lutheran Church. This project is in response to the Comal County overlay of County-owned sections of Bat Cave Rd. The project consists of base repair in critical locations and asphalt overlay for the full length of City-owned roadway.
 - Contract Price – \$1,178,337.61
 - Percent Complete – Approximately 50%
 - Schedule – Substantial Completion tracking for September 2.
- Project Status
 - This project is on schedule at the time of this report.

Water System Capital Improvement Plan Project

- Project Background
 - This project will focus on current and future water system needs, taking into account growth and future land use over a 20-year period. This includes analysis of existing facilities, identification of potential deficiencies, and system improvement exploration. Trihydro will work with City stakeholders to develop a water system capital improvement list.
 - Project Phase – Water System Model Phase
- Project Status
 - Trihydro anticipates providing a preliminary list for stakeholder review in approximately three months.

Land Development Projects and Reviews

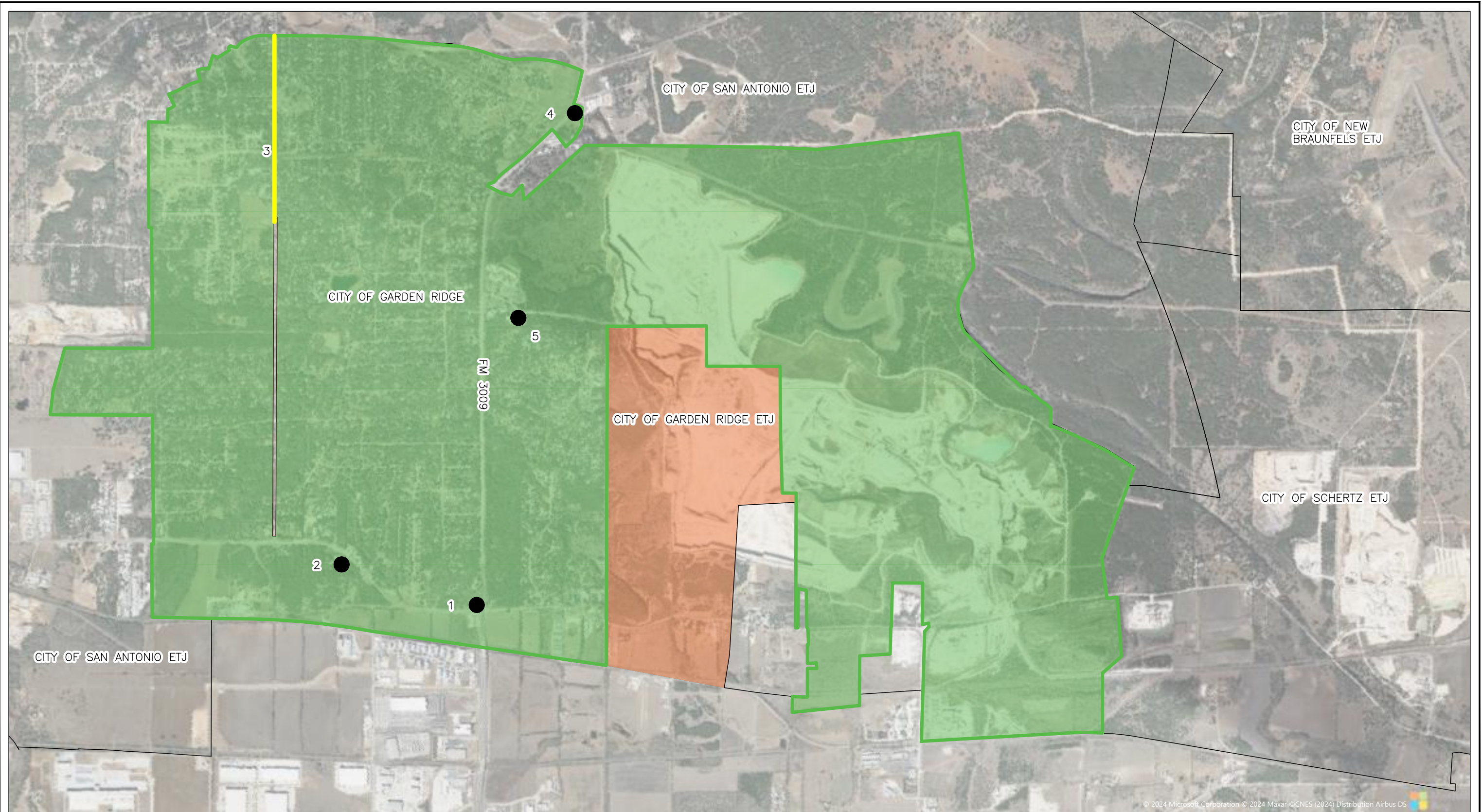
- The Revival
 - Site Plan and offsite sewer extension comments were distributed to the owner representative on August 21.
- 8111 Wild Wind Park
 - A replat application was submitted to combine Lots 91 and 92 of Wild Wind Unit 3. This application is under technical review at the time of this report.

Miscellaneous Engineering Services



- FM 2252 Truck Route Analysis
 - AAMPO has not provided an update on their route study at the time of this report submittal. AAMPO invites submittal of any traffic information that may assist their study.
- Comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan Update
 - The roadway asset data collection company is scheduled to commence field data gathering in the last week of August.
- Forest Waters Entrance Stop Sign Warrant Study
 - Lee Engineering is contracted to conduct a stop warrant study at the Forest Waters subdivision entrance. The Traffic count phase is postponed until Mid-September to avoid skewed data collection caused by the Bat Cave Road Project.

Figure:
Project Location Map

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EXPLANATION

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	CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE ETJ	5	PROJECT - MUNICIPAL GROUND STORAGE TANK REHAB
1	PROJECT - FM 2252 WATER LINE		
2	DEVELOPMENT REVIEW - THE REVIVAL		
3	PROJECT- BAT CAVE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS		



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FIGURE 1

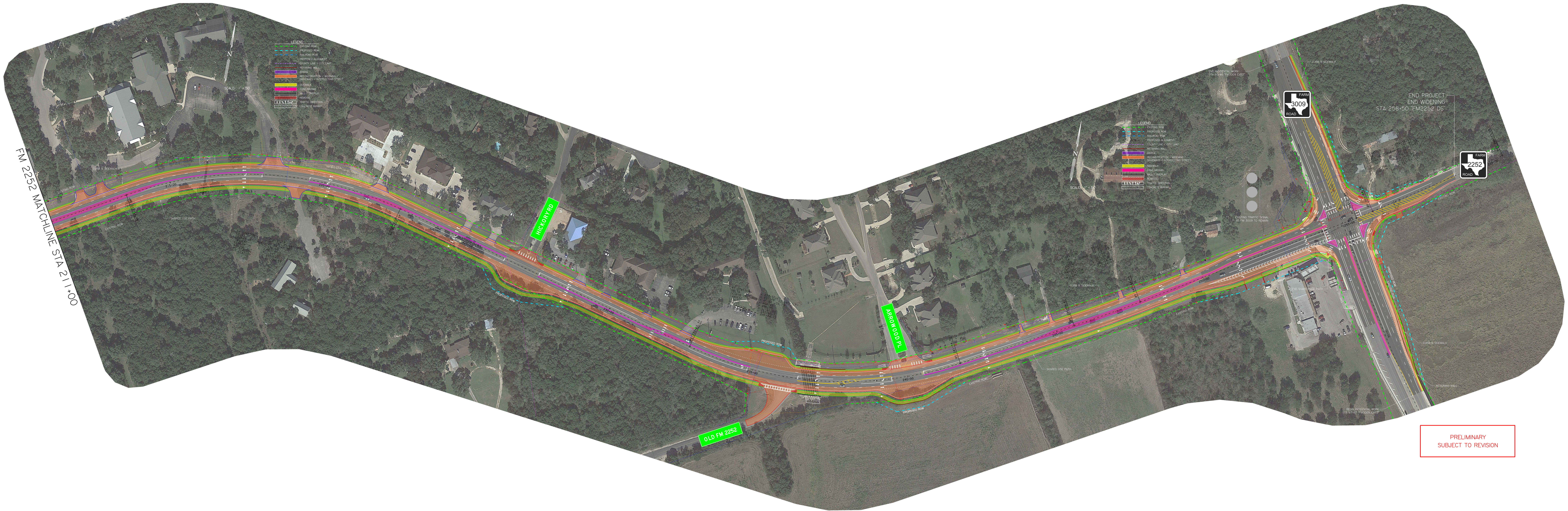
CURRENT PROJECT LOCATIONS

**ENGINEER'S REPORT
CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE**

Drawn By: AL Checked By: HC Scale: 1" = 2000' Date: 6/18/25

Attachment:

FM2252 TxDOT Improvements Schematic



FM 2252 MATCHLINE STA 211+00

LEGEND

- EXISTING ROW
- PROPOSED ROW
- PAVEMENT
- PROPOSED ALIGNMENT
- COUNTY LINE / CITY LIMIT
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END PROJECT
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PRELIMINARY
SUBJECT TO REVISION

WATER COMMISSION TERMS OF OFFICE

Name	Place	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration
William Pohl <i>(Appointed Chair October 2024-current)</i>	1	January 2023 September 2024	October 2024 September 2026			
Dr. Richard Carmichael	2	December 2019 September 2021	October 2021 September 2023	October 2023 September 2025		
Don Stone	3	April 2021 September 2022	October 2022 September 2024	October 2024 September 2026		
Steve Stedman	4	December 2023 September 2024	October 2024 September 2026			
Vacant	5	September 2025 September 2027				
Keven Harshbarger	6	October 2015 September 2017	October 2017 September 2019	October 2019 September 2021	October 2021 September 2023	October 2023 September 2025
Nathan Dorsey <i>(Appointed Vice-Chair October 2024-current)</i>	7	Term Expires September 2024	October 2024 September 2026			

(P)= Partial term of less than ½ the term remaining



AGENDA ITEM:	8.a) Partial Exemption Permit Request
SUBMITTED BY:	City Manager Ryan Rapelye
DATE SUBMITTED:	August 26, 2025
MEETING DATE:	September 3, 2025

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

Discussion and Action on Request from Buckley Powder Co., for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at Heidelberg Materials Servtex Quarry for the period of October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026, and set annual permit fee.

BACKGROUND

Over the past seven years, Buckley Powder Company has held a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting operations at Heidelberg Materials South – Servtex Quarry, located at 21303 FM 2252, Garden Ridge, Texas. The current permit is set to expire on September 30, 2025.

This agenda item is to review Buckley Powder Company's request for a new Partial Exemption Permit covering the period from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. The permit allows for blasting activities in accordance with City of Garden Ridge Ordinance No. 34, as well as all applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

In compliance with Ordinance 34, Buckley Powder Company has submitted all required documentation for the permit renewal. The City Council is also required to set an annual fee for the issuance of the permit. The current fee, established for fiscal year 2025, is \$33,026.22.

It is recommended that the permit fee for fiscal year 2026 remain unchanged at \$33,026.22. This fee offsets administrative, legal and consultant costs incurred by the City related to the regulations outlined in Ordinance 34 and support of blasting operations scheduled to occur at the Quarry during FY 2026.

ATTACHMENTS: Request from Buckley Powder Company for a Partial Exemption Permit

REQUESTED ACTION

Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>		

FINANCIAL

Budgeted Item	<input type="checkbox"/>	Original Estimate/Budget:
Non-budgeted Item	<input type="checkbox"/>	Current Estimate:
Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount Under/Over Budget:

PROs / CONs

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

City staff has reviewed all submitted documentation and considers the request administratively complete. The current Partial Exemption Permit is held by Buckley Powder Company. Over the past year, there have been no blasting exceedances, and all blasting activities have been conducted in full compliance with Ordinance No. 34. Therefore, City staff recommends approval of the permit.



Buckley Powder Co.

A Dyno Nobel Distributor

P.O. Box 1358 Georgetown, TX 78628 USA Telephone 512-869-0287 Fax: 512-819-9906

DYNO
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July 25, 2025

City Administrator
City of Garden Ridge
9400 Municipal Parkway
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

To whom it may concern:

Buckley Powder Company would like to be considered for a Partial Exemption Permit with the City of Garden Ridge. We have four gentlemen that will be our representatives for the purpose of this application, Mr. Steve Ezell, Mr. Riley Pumphrey, Mr. Darryl Borg, and Mr. Dustin Althoff. The complete contact information for these gentlemen is as follows:

Steve Ezell, Health & Safety Manager (972) 832-3875
steve.ezell@buckleypowder.com

Riley Pumphrey, General Manager (512) 864-4185
riley.pumphrey@buckleypowder.com

Darryl Borg, Senior Technical Representative (830) 214-5635
darryl.borg@buckleypowder.com

Dustin Althoff, Technical Representative (512) 229-7894
dustin.althoff@buckleypowder.com

Buckley Powder Company
1227 Krueger Canyon Road
New Braunfels, TX 78132

Buckley Powder will be blasting for the crushed stone operation of Heidelberg Materials for the 2026 fiscal year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Borg.

Sincerely,

Dustin Althoff
Technical Representative



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Date: July 25, 2025

TO: City of Garden Ridge

CC: Steve Ezell, Riley Pumphrey, Darryl Borg

From: Dustin Althoff
Technical Representative
Buckley Powder Company

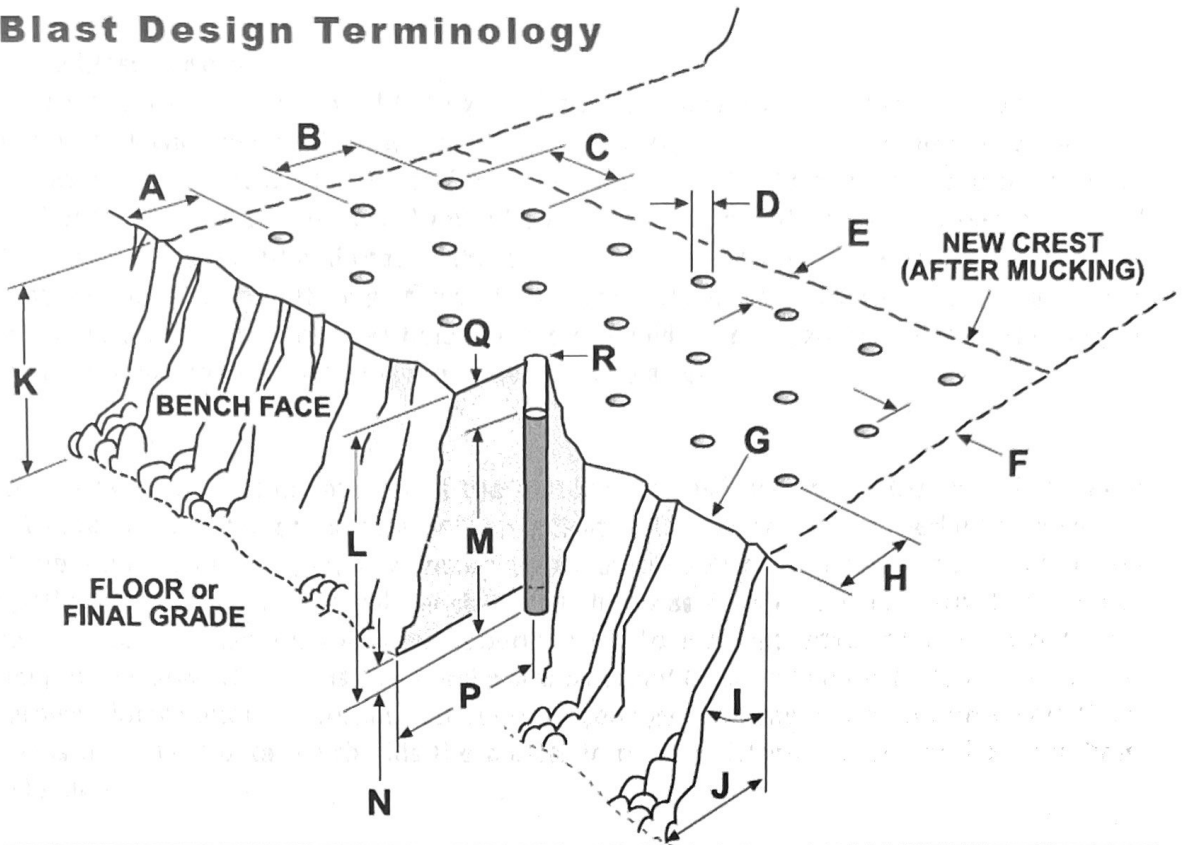
All Buckley Powder blasters are required to attend at least 40 hours of classroom training and testing to ensure they have a complete understanding of these procedures. Along with classroom training, they are provided extensive field training before ever actually being assigned duties as a lead blaster.

The City of Garden Ridge has been supplied a copy of the Open Pit Blaster Training. This course provides a thorough understanding of the fragmentation process and how to minimize vibration and air over pressure which may affect the surrounding community. Blasters are taught all calculations necessary to safely obtain the production goals of the customer while minimizing the environmental effects. Once again, they must pass written tests in the classroom and are audited in the field to ensure they are following these calculations and procedures. As new and improved techniques are introduced to the industry, blasters are brought in to be trained on the latest information as well as refreshed on previous topics.

Buckley Powder now blasts approximately 50,000,000 tons of rock per year in the San Antonio – New Braunfels area. Our blasters and technical staff are extremely familiar with the geological abnormalities which must be addressed to keep environmental effects to a minimum. The included documents are quite lengthy – so we will list below the typical process involved for blasting in the Edwards Aquifer area.

Included on the next page is an illustration of a typical bench to be blasted and the terminology for many of the parameters considered in the design of the blast.

Blast Design Terminology



A	Hole - to - Crest	G	Crest	M	Explosive Column Height
B	Apparent Burden*	H	Crest Burden	N	Subdrilling
C	Apparent Spacing*	I	Bank Angle	P	Toe Burden
D	Hole Diameter	J	Toe	Q	Stemming Height
E	Back Break	K	Bench Height	R	Collar
F	Side Break	L	Hole Depth		

* True Burden and True Spacing may be different than Apparent Burden and Apparent Spacing due to delay pattern.

We teach our blasters that there are four things which occur when rock is blasted:

- The rock is broken or fragmented.
- There is a heaving affect.
- Vibration is created.
- Air overpressure is created.

If a blast is properly designed, the energy of the explosives will be used to do the first two in the list and there will be less energy left to create vibration and air overpressure. Thus, the correct pattern to properly distribute the energy through the rock is the first important consideration. We know from experience how many pounds of explosives per cubic yard or ton of rock (powder factor) will give satisfactory fragmentation. If we under load a blast, it may create higher vibration. Extensive research calculations have been developed which aid in predicting vibration

at a given distance based on the pounds of explosives detonated at a specific interval. Based on the two above factors a blast pattern can be determined.

Laying out the blast pattern

As illustrated in the diagram, previous blasting will create a face which many times will be irregular, depending on the local geology. GPS accurate drone imagery with 3D photogrammetry software will be used to determine at what distance from the crest holes should be placed in order to have the proper burden (amount of rock in front of the hole). There will be times when geological abnormalities may be observed and require the holes to have additional burden placed on them to minimize any venting of energy through the various seams, which may increase air overpressure. If this is necessary, the spacing between holes in this row will be reduced to maintain the proper powder factor. The location of each hole is marked by the blaster.

Drilling

The driller will be given documentation of the pattern. This will include a diagram of the hole locations. The required depth of the holes will be indicated. Depths are determined from the initial data from the laser profiler. To properly break the rock at the bottom of the hole, the holes will be drilled slightly deeper than the actual bench height. In areas of vibration concern, this subdrill should be kept to a minimum. Excessive subdrill tends to increase vibration due to the over confinement in this area of the blast. The driller will be asked to provide a log of each hole. These logs will provide information concerning variations in geology; with the depths of these variations noted. This is important data which aids the blaster in making determinations on how the hole should be loaded.

Loading the blast pattern

Before the blast is loaded, drone imagery with 3D photogrammetry software will be used. This unit allows the exact location of each hole to be surveyed. The 3D photogrammetry creates a point cloud to determine exact 2D and 3D burdens of each hole. Various reports will be generated from the data, which will aid the blaster in determining what must be done to eliminate problems (examples included at the end). The most important of these reports are the actual profiles of each front row borehole. These profiles show the exact burden in front of the hole. The software can also be set to look at predetermined distance on either side of the hole for any lesser burdens which might be influenced by this hole. With these reports in hand, the blaster will visually examine the face one more time and make notes on the printouts of any variations in the loading which should take place.

All holes will be checked for proper depth. If any have excessive subdrill which may increase vibration, they will be backfilled to the proper depth. Detonators and cast boosters will be placed in the holes as needed and the hole will be loaded with bulk explosives. The blaster will monitor the rise of the product in the hole. If there are any abnormalities such as cracks and voids the powder will stop rising and the blaster will immediately stop to address the issue. In most cases an inert material such as crushed stone will be placed in this area of the borehole to avoid the accumulation of excess explosives. Trucks are equipped with meters as an added check to ensure the proper amount of explosives is being placed in each hole. In the cases where a full column may be too large to maintain the desired vibration level; the load in the hole may be divided into smaller charges separated by inert material. These smaller charges will be timed to detonate separately to reduce vibration. If seams of softer material or clay are noted on drill logs or observed by the blaster as he inspects the face; inert material will be placed in that area of

the column to prevent venting which may increase air overpressure and noise issues. The powder column will be stopped at a predetermined distance from the top of the hole. This is called the stemming area and will be filled with crushed stone to create confinement at the surface.

Electronic Detonators

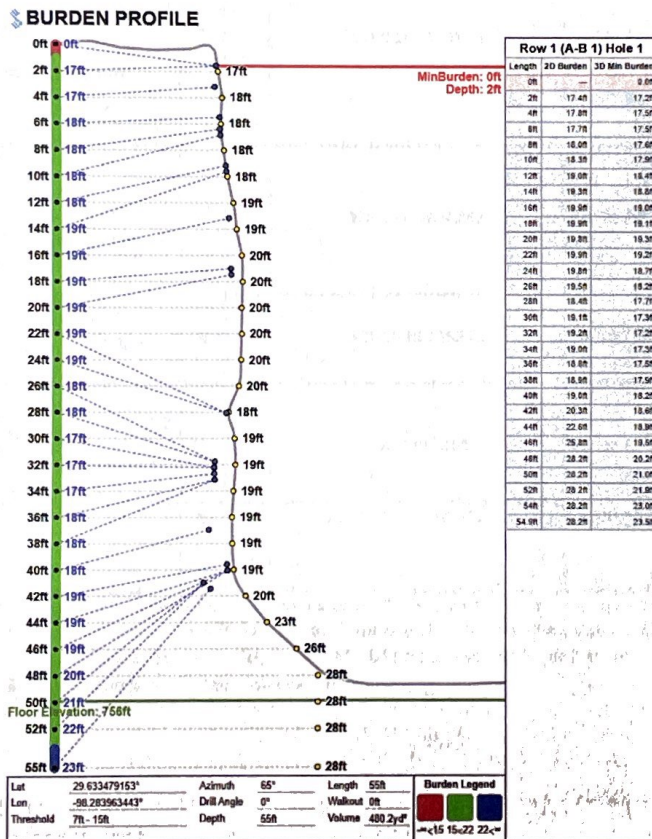
The development of electronic detonators has improved the ability of our industry to reduce vibration from blasting. The accuracy of these detonators has allowed us to be very predictive as to our end results. Software has been developed which allows us to blast one hole, collect the vibration data; apply that data to a multiple hole scenario; and with a fair amount of accuracy predict what the results will be from that blast. The software we have allows us to enter the exact parameters of a particular blast pattern and see what the vibration should be based of various timing sequences. Though our vibration levels are never close to a level which will do damage to a structure, we can many times find a sequence which is less perceivable and acceptable to the community.

Conclusion

There are few places left where our customers have not had developments build around them. Buckley Powder has been successful helping those customers deal with community concerns. We take great pride in our education program for our personnel concerning safety and technology. If you have further questions concerning our procedures, please contact us.



Aerial view of blast pattern created from 3D profile software



Typical Profile of a Blast Hole showing 2D and 3D burden

AGENCY CUSTOMER ID: _____

LOC #: _____



ADDITIONAL REMARKS SCHEDULE

Page 2 of 2

AGENCY Willis Towers Watson Insurance Services West, Inc.		NAMED INSURED Buckley Powder Company, Inc. 42 Inverness Drive E Englewood, CO 80112	
POLICY NUMBER See Page 1		EFFECTIVE DATE: See Page 1	
CARRIER See Page 1	NAIC CODE See Page 1		

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

THIS ADDITIONAL REMARKS FORM IS A SCHEDULE TO ACORD FORM,
FORM NUMBER: 25 FORM TITLE: Certificate of Liability Insurance

policy terms, conditions and exclusions.

In accordance with the provisions of Title XI, Organized Crime Control Act of 1970, and the regulations issued thereunder (27 CFR Part 555), you may engage in the activity specified in this license or permit within the limitations of Chapter 40, Title 18, United States Code and the regulations issued thereunder, until the expiration date shown. **THIS LICENSE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE UNDER 27 CFR 555.53.** See "WARNINGS" and "NOTICES" on reverse.

Direct ATF ATF - Chief, FELC
Correspondence To 244 Needy Road
 Martinsburg, WV 25405-9431

License/Permit
Number **5-TX-091-20-5J-01236**

Chief, Federal Explosives Licensing Center (FELC)

Expiration
Date **September 1, 2025**

Mama Howard
Name

BUCKLEY POWDER CO

Premises Address (Changes? Notify the FELC at least 10 days before the move.)

**1227 KRUEGER CANYON ROAD
NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78131-**

Type of License or Permit

20-MANUFACTURER OF EXPLOSIVES

Purchasing Certification Statement

The licensee or permittee named above shall use a copy of this license or permit to assist a transferor of explosives to verify the identity and the licensed status of the licensee or permittee as provided by 27 CFR Part 555. The signature on each copy must be an original signature. A faxed, scanned or e-mailed copy of the license or permit with a signature intended to be an original signature is acceptable. The signature must be that of the Federal Explosives Licensee (FEL) or a responsible person of the FEL. I certify that this is a true copy of a license or permit issued to the licensee or permittee named above to engage in the business or operations specified above under "Type of License or Permit."

Mailing Address (Changes? Notify the FELC of any changes.)

BUCKLEY POWDER CO
42 INVERNESS DRIVE EAST
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112-

Jill Marrs
Licensee/Permittee Responsible Person Signature

HSE Manager
Position/Title

Jill Marrs
Printed Name

2-14-22
Date

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Revised September 2011

Federal Explosives License (FEL) Customer Service Information

Federal Explosives Licensing Center (FELC)
244 Needy Road
Martinsburg, WV 25405-9431

Toll-free Telephone Number: (877) 283-3352
Fax Number: (304) 616-4401
E-mail: FELC@atf.gov

ATF Homepage: www.atf.gov

Change of Address (27 CFR 555.54(a)(1)). Licensees or permittees may during the term of their current license or permit remove their business or operations to a new location at which they intend regularly to carry on such business or operations. The licensee or permittee is required to give notification of the new location of the business or operations not less than 10 days prior to such removal with the Chief, Federal Explosives Licensing Center. The license or permit will be valid for the remainder of the term of the original license or permit. **(The Chief, FELC, shall, if the licensee or permittee is not qualified, refer the request for amended license or permit to the Director of Industry Operations for denial in accordance with § 555.54.)**

Right of Succession (27 CFR 555.59). (a) Certain persons other than the licensee or permittee may secure the right to carry on the same explosive materials business or operations at the same address shown on, and for the remainder of the term of, a current license or permit. Such persons are: (1) The surviving spouse or child, or executor, administrator, or other legal representative of a deceased licensee or permittee; and (2) A receiver or trustee in bankruptcy, or an assignee for benefit of creditors. (b) In order to secure the right provided by this section, the person or persons continuing the business or operations shall furnish the license or permit for that business or operations for endorsement of such succession to the Chief, FELC, within 30 days from the date on which the successor begins to carry on the business or operations.

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Federal Explosives License/Permit (FEL) Information Card

License/Permit Name: **BUCKLEY POWDER CO**

Business Name:

License/Permit Number: **5-TX-091-20-5J-01236**

License/Permit Type: **20-MANUFACTURER OF EXPLOSIVES**

Expiration: **September 1, 2025**

Please Note: Not Valid for the Sale or Other Disposition of Explosives.



NOTICE OF CLEARANCE

for individuals transporting, shipping, receiving, or possessing explosive materials.

ISSUED TO: BUCKLEY POWDER CO

Federal Explosives license/permit no.: 5-TX-091-20-51-01236

NOTICE DATE: 07/10/2025

Expiration Date: **September 1, 2025**

EXPIRATION DATE: This Notice expires when superseded by a newer Notice which will list all current responsible persons and employee possessors, or when the license or permit expires - whichever comes first.

Explosives License/Permit Type: 20-MANUFACTURER OF EXPLOSIVES

- 1 **WARNING.** Only those individuals listed below as **RESPONSIBLE PERSONS** and **EMPLOYEE POSSESSORS** with a background clearance status of "CLEARED" or "PENDING" are authorized to transport, ship, receive, or possess explosive materials in the course of employment with you.
- 2 **"DENIED" STATUS.** If an employee possessor has a background clearance status of "DENIED", you **MUST** take immediate steps to remove the employee from a position requiring the transporting, shipping, receiving, or possessing of explosive materials. Also, if the employee has been listed as a person authorized to accept delivery of explosive materials, you **MUST** remove the employee from such list and immediately, and in no event later than the second business day after such change, notify distributors of such change, as stated in 27 CFR 555.33(a).
- 3 **CHANGE IN RESPONSIBLE PERSONS.** You **MUST** report any change in responsible persons to the Chief, Federal Explosives Licensing Center, within 30 days of the change and new responsible persons **MUST** include "appropriate identifying information" as defined in 27 CFR 555.11. Fingerprints and photos are **NOT** required, however they will be required upon renewal of the license or permit.
- 4 **CHANGE OF EMPLOYEES.** You **MUST** report any change of employee/possessors to the Chief, FELC, within 30 days. Reports relating to newly hired employees must be submitted on **ATF Form 5400.28** for **EACH** employee.

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 NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78131

Mailing Address:
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 42 INVERNESS DRIVE EAST
 ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

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Number of **RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)** : 11
 Number of **EMPLOYEE POSSESSOR(S)**: 30

LAST NAME, First Name, Middle Name	Clearance Status
RESPONSIBLE PERSONS: 11	
0001 ADAMS, LANCE HENRY	Cleared
0002 BRETZING, STEPHEN KARL	Cleared
0003 BUCKLEY, JOSEPH STEVEN	Cleared
0004 BUCKLEY, RAYMOND LEE JR	Cleared
0005 BUCKLEY, STEVE LEE	Cleared
0006 FANNING, KEVIN J	Cleared
0007 KOSTANTEWICZ, JEROME	Cleared
0008 MARRS, JILL BUCKLEY	Cleared

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LAST NAME, First Name, Middle Name	Clearance Status
0009 MEDLIN, JASON SCOTT	Cleared
0010 PUMPHREY, ADRIAN	Cleared
0011 PUMPHREY, JAY ROY	Cleared
EMPLOYEE POSSESSORS: 30	
0001 ALTHOFF, DUSTIN JAMES	Cleared
0002 BICKHAM, JOSH LANE	Cleared
0003 BORG, DARRYL JOSEPH	Cleared
0004 BROWN, BRADLEY EUGENE	Cleared
0005 CATES, JOSHUA LEE	Cleared

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07/10/2025

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Explosives License/Permit Type : 20-MANUFACTURER OF EXPLOSIVES
Expiration Date : September 1, 2025

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LAST NAME, First Name, Middle Name	Clearance Status
0006 CEPICAN, BENJAMIN XAVIER	Cleared
0007 DELLA RAGIONE, ANTONIO	Cleared
0008 DESBAZIELLES, JOSHUA JAMES	Cleared
0009 DIRST, SETH RUSTIN	Cleared
0010 EMBRY, TRENT OLIN	Cleared
0011 ESPINOZA, RANDALL EDWARD	Cleared
0012 GREEN, DARIEN TYRECK	Cleared
0013 HILLER, JOSHUA MARK	Cleared
0014 HOPE, JASON LANCE	Cleared
0015 JEFFERSON, THOMAS RAY	Cleared
0016 KELLEY, DAVID KYLE	Cleared
0017 LEVESQUE, JEAN PIERRE	Cleared
0018 MARTINEZ, JUAN JOSE III	Cleared
0019 MIMS, JOHN JASON	Cleared
0020 MIRABELLI, LAWRENCE JOHN	Cleared
0021 MIRANDA, ZINNIA ADELLE	Cleared
0022 PECK, JARRET ALLEN	Cleared
0023 SALAZAR, CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER	Cleared
0024 SMITH, GARRETT MICHAEL	Cleared
0025 SUSTAITA, JOHNATHAN RYAN	Cleared
0026 VALDEZ, JACOB BENNETT	Cleared
0027 VASQUEZ, MARCO LORENZO	Cleared
0028 WATTERS, PRESTON PERRY	Cleared
0029 WEIR, CHRISTOPHER FRANKLIN	Cleared
0030 WILSON, BANNON RAY	Cleared

LAST NAME, First Name, Middle Name Clearance Status

5-TX-091-20-5J-01236 expires date September 1, 2025 BUCKLEY POWDER CO, 1227 KRUEGER CANYON ROAD, NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78131



AGENDA ITEM:	8.b) Ordinance No. 245 – FY 2026 Budget
SUBMITTED BY:	City Manager Ryan Rapelye
DATE SUBMITTED:	August 26, 2025
MEETING DATE:	September 3, 2025

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

Discussion and action on Ordinance No. 245-092025 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; providing for a cumulative clause, a severability clause, and a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and declaring proper notice of meeting.

BACKGROUND

The proposed FY 2026 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge has been developed in compliance with the Texas Local Government Code and in accordance with City financial policies. The budget document reflects the City Council’s priorities, ensures funding for essential services, maintains strong reserves, and supports capital projects that sustain long-term infrastructure. The proposed budget adheres to several core principles, including:

A balanced budget, which includes a fund balance of **ten months** of operating costs, reasonable revenue projections based on historical data, conservative and realistic expenditure planning, adequate funding for employee salaries and benefits, including a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and the use of unassigned fund balance for emergencies, capital improvements, or one-time expenditures.

The General Fund remains the City’s largest operating fund, supporting core services such as Police, Public Works, Library, Municipal Court, Community Center, and Administration. Majority of employee salaries are funded from this fund.

General Fund Highlights:

Total Revenue: \$4,278,307

Total Expenditures: 5,133,033

Transfer from Reserves: \$854,726 (for capital projects & additional Full-time Patrol Officer)

One additional full-time Patrol Officer position (\$98,117): as well as included adjustments to existing positions in the Municipal Court and the Library.

3% COLA for employees.

A slight increase in the rate related to the City’s health plan.

Programming of \$32,500 for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer.

7% pay increase for Public Works Representatives (4 positions) to stay competitive with area cities.

Funding for certifications and licenses in Public Works.

\$996,000 programmed for capital projects.

Water Fund Highlights:

Total Revenue: \$3,155,100

Total Expenditures: \$3,155,100

Similar staffing changes and funding adjustments as the General Fund. Includes the same 7% pay increase for utility operators (3 positions) to stay competitive with other cities.

Capital expenditures align with the General Fund, including projects such as:

- Renovation of the Former Public Works Building for Water Utilities Department Headquarters \$43,000
- Ground Storage Tank Rehab \$240,000
- Vista Ridge Interconnect Project \$660,000

Upon adoption, the FY 2026 Budget will guide City operations from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ordinance No. 245-092025 (Adopting the FY 2026 Budget)
- FY 2026 Proposed Budget – Exhibit “A”

REQUESTED ACTION

Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ordinance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

FINANCIAL

Establishes official appropriations for all City revenues and expenditures for FY 2026.

PROs / CONS

Highlights include:

- Balanced General Fund and Water Fund budgets, supported by reserves when necessary.
- Maintenance of reserves at or above the City’s fund balance policy.
- Continued investment in public safety, infrastructure, and community services.
- Compliance with state law regarding budget filing and public notice.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 245-092025 adopting the FY 2026 Budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 245-092025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING FOR A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING PROPER NOTICE OF MEETING.

WHEREAS, Section 102.002 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that the budget officer prepare a municipal budget each year to cover the proposed expenditures of the municipal government for the succeeding fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was prepared by the budget officer for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas (“City”) and filed with the City Secretary on August 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget has been available for inspection by any person at City Hall and on the City’s website since August 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on the City’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2026 has been posted in accordance with Chapter 102 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held prior to the City Council’s consideration of this Ordinance on August 25, 2025, at City Hall as provided for in the notice of such public hearing and all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard on said proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that all provisions pertaining to the adoption of a budget have been in all things complied with; and

WHEREAS, after full and final consideration, the City Council is of the opinion that the budget should be approved and adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS OF FACT. The above recitals contained in the preamble are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are incorporated herein for all purposes and are adopted as legislative findings of the City Council.

SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF BUDGET. The City Council hereby approves and adopts the budget, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein for all purposes, as the City’s annual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026.

SECTION 3. CUMULATIVE CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

City of Garden Ridge Texas

Fiscal Year

2026

Proposed
Budget



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Exhibit "A"



Naturally Home.



Annual Budget

Fiscal Year October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026

"This budget will raise less revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of **\$39,546**, which is a **1.475%** percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is **\$10,392.**"

City Council Record Vote

The record vote of each member of the governing body by name voting on the adoption of the budget is as follows:

Governing Body	Record Vote
Mayor Lisa Swint	
Kelly Smith	
Jim Mueller	
Krendra Harralson	
Todd Arvidson	
Brian Reyes	

The governing body will vote on the proposed budget on August 25, 2025.

	Fiscal Year 2024-2025	Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Property Tax Rate	0.255156	
No-New-Revenue Rate	0.248975	0.253534
No-New Revenue M&O Rate	0.186883	0.192326
Voter Approval Rate	0.255156	0.246430
Debt Rate	0.061733	0.047373

Debt Obligations as of October 1, 2024 - \$7,750,000

The above information is presented on the cover page of the City's FY 2024-25 proposed budget to comply with requirements of section 102.005 of the Texas Local Government Code

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Introduction



MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

The Honorable

Mayor Lisa Swint

Council Members

Kelly Smith

Mayor Pro Tem, Place 1

Jim Mueller

Council Member, Place 2

Krendra Harralson

Council Member, Place 3

Todd Arvidson

Council Member, Place 4

Brian Reyes

Council Member, Place 5

City Manager

Ryan Rapelye

Finance – HR Director Robyn Achu	Chief of Police Ron Eberhardt	Public Works & Utilities Director Steven Steinmetz
City Secretary Marisa Spencer		Library Director Linda Crosland

Truth in Taxation

Truth-in-taxation is a concept embodied in the Texas Constitution that requires local taxing units to make taxpayers aware of tax rate proposals and to afford taxpayers the opportunity to limit tax increases. Property owners have the right to know about increases in their properties' appraised value and to be notified of the estimated taxes that could result from the new value. For more information about this act and its impact on the budget and tax rate setting process, visit the Texas Comptroller's website and Truth in Taxation resources.

City of Garden Ridge Governing Body Information can be found here:

Mayor & City Council [↗](#)

Comal Appraisal District: <http://www.comalad.org/> [↗](#)

Comal County Truth in Taxation Website: <https://comal.countytaxrates.com/tax> [↗](#)

City of Garden Ridge Truth in Taxation [↗](#)

BUDGET CALENDAR FOR FY 2026 BUDGET & 2025 TAX RATE SCHEDULE

July 2	Regular City Council Meeting 6 p.m. FY2026 Budget Workshop #1
July 23	Special City Council Meeting 6 p.m. FY2026 Budget Workshop #2
<i>July 28 – 31</i>	<i>Appraisal District submits 2025 Certified Values</i>
<i>July 30 – Aug 2</i>	<i>Comal County Tax Office calculates and submits 2025 tax rate calculations</i>
<i>August 1</i>	<i>City Manager submits the proposed FY 2026 Budget and files with City Secretary.</i>
August 5	Special City Council Meeting 6 p.m. FY 2026 Budget Workshop #3 Present No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval Tax Rates
August 6	Regular City Council Meeting 6 p.m. Discuss tax rate; if proposed tax rate will exceed the No-New-Revenue Rate, take record vote and Schedule Public Hearing. (Rate will not be adopted at this meeting)
<i>August 13</i>	<i>Publish Notice of Budget Public Hearing for August 25</i>
August 25	Special City Council Meeting 6 p.m. FY 2026 Budget Public Hearing Possible Action on the Proposed Budget - An adoption by record vote
<i>August 26</i>	<i>Publish Notice of Tax Rate Public Hearing for September 3</i>
September 3	Regular City Council Meeting at 6 p.m. 2025 Tax Rate Public Hearing Ratify the budget and take a record vote Adoption of 2025 Tax Rate by Ordinance and take record vote

City Manager Message

September 3, 2025



To: Honorable Mayor Swint, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Members of the City Council

It is with great pride that I submit the **Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026**, which begins on October 1, 2025, for your consideration and adoption. As required by law, this budget is balanced and reflects our continued commitment to delivering high-quality municipal services to the residents of Garden Ridge, while maintaining sound fiscal stewardship and accountability.

As City Manager, I am responsible for presenting a comprehensive financial plan that outlines anticipated expenditures and identifies projected revenues to support those obligations. The FY 2026 Proposed Budget builds on the City's recent progress, addressing both operational and capital needs in alignment with your stated priorities and the long-term interests of our community.

Progress & Investments

The FY 2026 Proposed Budget identifies capital needs across both the **General Fund** and **Water Fund**. Building on the momentum from FY 2025, this budget supports major capital projects, especially those related to streets and water infrastructure.

A key initiative in FY 2026 is the **development of a comprehensive Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)**, which will help prioritize and program future capital projects. This coordinated approach will improve infrastructure planning and address aging systems.

Ongoing efforts include:

- **Street Classification Study:** A foundational element for a long-term street maintenance plan.
- **Water Capital Improvements Plan (CIP):** Assessment of critical assets, including aging waterlines and storage tanks.
- **Paul Davis Park Trail System:** Funded by a Texas Parks and Wildlife grant, construction will begin in FY 2026.
- **Vista Ridge Interconnect:** This project will connect to the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) for emergency water supply, enhancing system resiliency.

Budget Principles & Personnel

The FY 2026 Proposed Budget follows key financial principles:

- A **balanced budget** with a **10-month reserve**.
- Continuation of **core municipal services** at existing service levels.
- **Conservative revenue estimates** based on historical trends.
- Responsible expenditure planning, including:

- A **3% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)** for employees.
- Adjustments to **TMRS contributions** and **health plan premiums**.
- Reserves maintained for emergencies, capital projects, or one-time needs.

General Fund Overview

The **General Fund**, the City's largest operating fund, supports departments including Police, Public Works, Library, and Administration. All City employee salaries are funded through this fund.

- **FY 2026 General Fund Revenues:** \$4,278,307
- **FY 2026 General Fund Expenditures:** \$5,133,033
- **Ending Fund Balance:** \$4,274,412 (equivalent to 10 months of operating reserves)

Key Budget Highlights

- **One new full-time personnel** are included; however:
 - Funds are allocated to modify positions in **Municipal Court** and the **Library**.
 - **\$98,117** allocated to provide one additional **Full-Time Police Officer** position.
 - **\$32,500** allocated for a **Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer**.
- **7% salary increases** for four **Public Works Representatives** to remain competitive with regional markets.
- Additional funding for **Public Works training and certifications**.
- **\$996,000** in capital expenditures, including:
 - **Trail improvements** at Paul Davis Park.
 - A **loan to the Water Fund** for the Vista Ridge Interconnect project.
- **Reserve transfer of \$854,726** to support capital needs.

Water Fund Overview

The Water Fund supports the City's utility operations. City employee salaries are funded through this fund.

- **FY 2026 Water Fund Revenues:** \$3,155,100
- **FY 2026 General Fund Expenditures:** \$3,155,100
- **Ending Fund Balance:** \$9,675,357 (equivalent to 6 months of operating reserves)

Key Budget Highlights

- **No new full-time personnel** are included; however:
- **7% salary increases** for three **Utility Operators** to remain competitive with regional markets.
- Additional funding for Utility Trailer and Chlorine Bottle Scales.
- **\$943,000** in capital expenditures, including:
 - **Renovate the Former Public Works Building for Utility Operations**.
 - **Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation**
 - **Vista Ridge Interconnect Project**

Revenue Breakdown

- **Property & Sales Taxes (combined):** \$2,738,103
- **Franchise Fees:** \$686,700
- **Other Sources:** Permits, fees, and municipal court collections

Sales tax remains the City's second-largest revenue source and is primary focus to foster economic development in the City of Garden Ridge. The City is actively working to attract developers, particularly along the **FM 2252** and **FM 3009** corridors, to further enhance this revenue base.

Property Tax Details

- **Proposed Tax Rate:** \$0.246430 per \$100 of assessed valuation – Voter Approval Rate
 - **Total M&O Revenue:** \$2,134,103
-

Capital Expenditures/Projects (General & Water) – FY 2026

- **Purchase of New Patrol Unit – Police Department \$75,000**
 - **Purchase New Equipment – Public Works \$94,000**
 - **Trail Project at Paul Davis Park - \$166,000**
 - **Vista Ridge Interconnect Project - \$660,000**
 - **Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation - \$240,000**
 - **Renovation of the previous Public Works Building for Water Operations - \$43,000**
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Final Remarks

The FY 2026 Proposed Budget reflects a conservative and responsible approach that prioritizes essential services, strategic investments, and financial resilience. It sustains current operations, funds necessary improvements, and positions the City to meet future challenges.

The adopted budget document will be posted on the City's website for public inspection. I want to thank the City Council for your continued leadership, input and involvement during the budget process from proposed to adoption of the FY 2026 Budget. I also extend my appreciation to City staff (Team Garden Ridge) and our department heads for their dedication in preparing a budget that supports our City services and our mission of service excellence.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan D. Rapelye
City Manager

Community Profile

Welcome to Garden Ridge!

On behalf of the Garden Ridge City Council and the citizens of our community, WELCOME. Located in Comal County and 12 miles south of New Braunfels, we pride ourselves in our tradition and history. Garden Ridge is known for its community and rural style -- where neighbors love helping neighbors. We strive to preserve the natural beauty of the landscape, making Garden Ridge "Naturally Home".

City History

Garden Ridge was incorporated on July 6, 1972, by a group of 200 residents who didn't want to follow the rules of San Antonio or Schertz. They signed a petition and rushed down to the County's office and declared themselves Garden Ridge. The city was operated by its residents for several years before the Council enacted a tax and began hiring employees. We honor those select residents who created our little pocket of the Hill Country.

Garden Ridge City Government

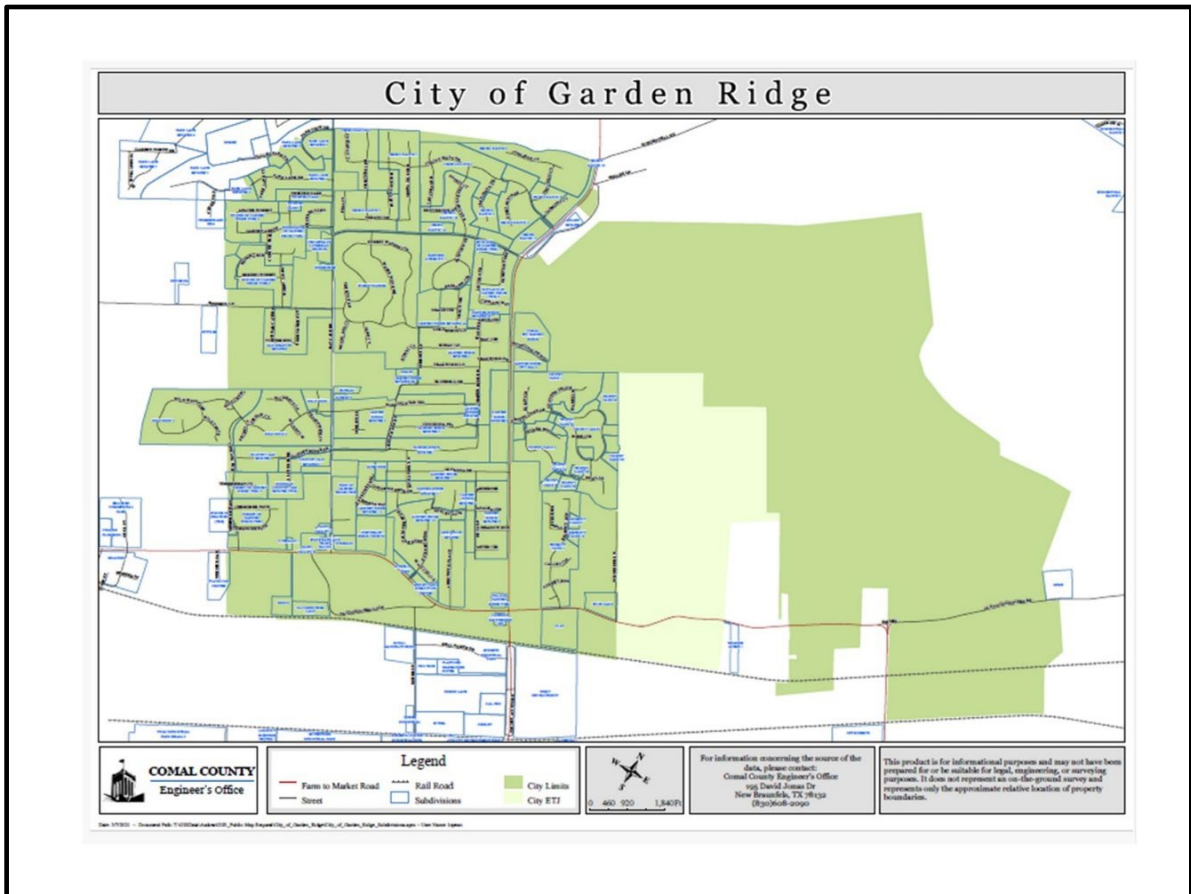
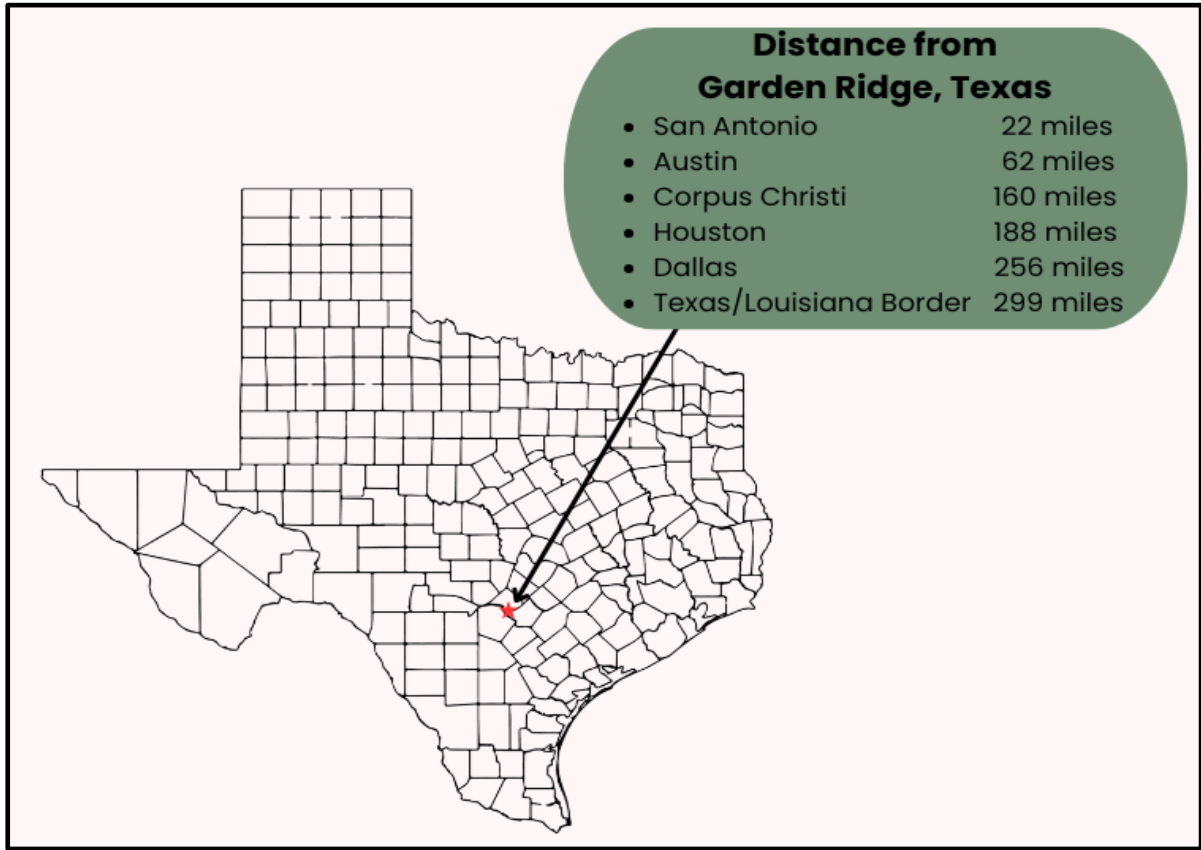
The City of Garden Ridge is a Home Rule Charter City and operates under a Council/Manager form of government. City Council consists of a Mayor and five Council Members. The Mayor and Council Members are elected at-large and serve staggered terms of two years.

The City Council appoints the City Manager, City Attorney, City Judge, and all boards and commissions. All Department Heads and employees serve at the direction of the City Manager.

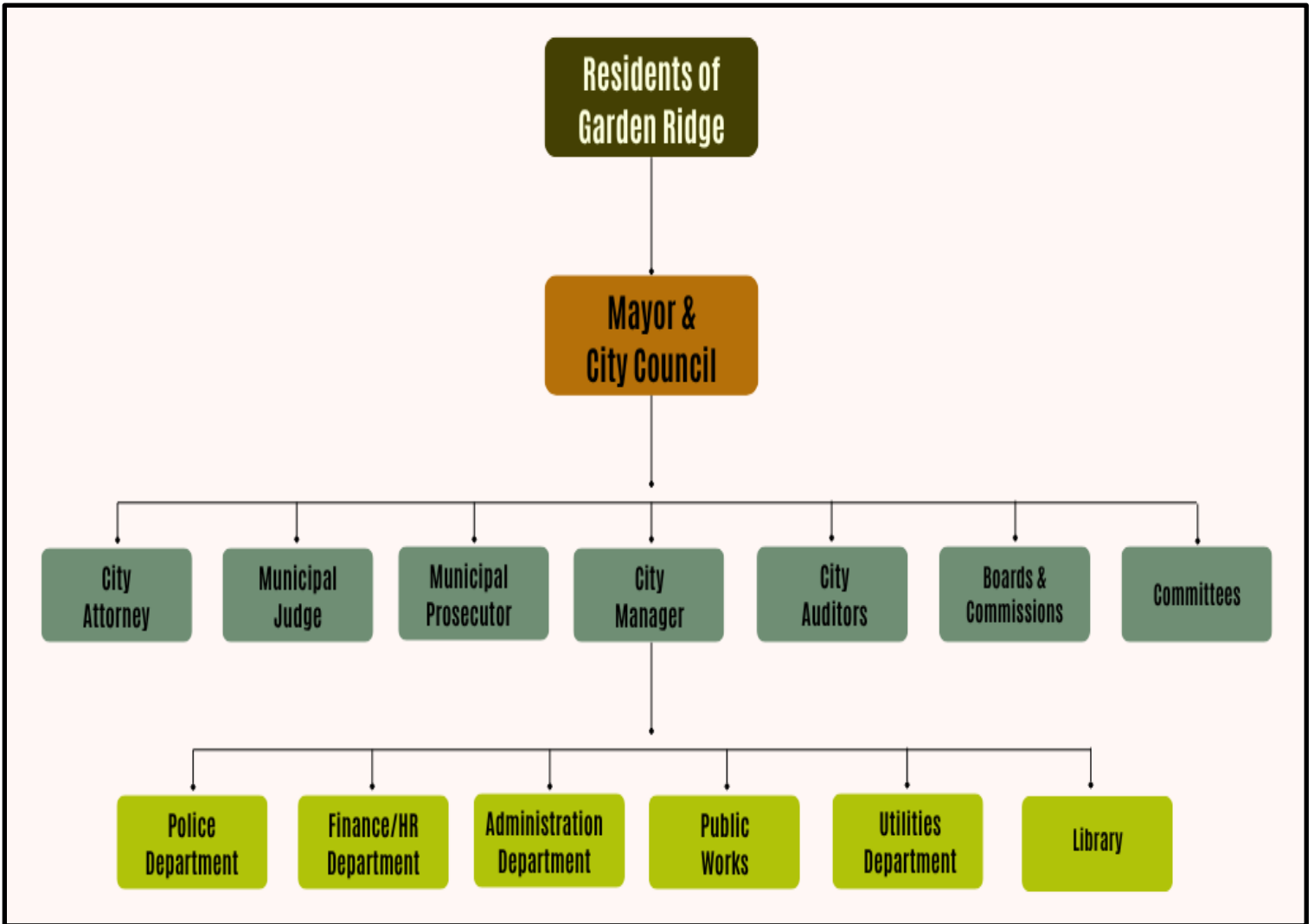
The City of Garden Ridge owns and operates its own water company. The City competitively serves almost 1,800 water customers located in and around the City limits.

MAYORS OF GARDEN RIDGE

Paul A. Davis	May 1972 to October 1978
Betty G. McGranaham	May 1979 to May 1983
Paul A. Davis	May 1983 to November 1986
Walter A. Yohey, Jr.	April 1987 to May 1991
Linda Klekar	May 1991 to May 1992
Jay Millikin	August 1992 to May 1997
Jay F. Feibelman	May 1997 to May 2013
Andrew Dalton	May 2013 to May 2014
Nadine Knaus	May 2014 to May 2017
Larry Thompson	May 2017 to May 2021
Robb Erickson	May 2021 to May 2025
Lisa Swint	May 2025 to Present



Organization Chart



Advisory Boards and Commissions

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning and Zoning Commission, established in 1988, reviews and considers master plans and plats and makes recommendations to the [City Council](#) on comprehensive plan amendments, specific use permits, and zoning requests.

Meetings

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6pm in City Hall, 9400 Municipal Pkwy.

AGENDAS AND MINUTES

Agendas are available prior to the meetings. Minutes are available following approval.

[View the most recent agendas and minutes here.](#)

Members

The Planning and Zoning Commission consist of seven appointed residents of the City of Garden Ridge and serve a two-year term. These are non-compensated positions. The current members are:

Commissioner	Position	Appointed	Current Term Expires
Dr. Jim Miller	Place 1	March 2017	September 2025
Karen Diaz, Vice-Chair	Place 2	October 2017	September 2026
Kerim Jacaman, Chair	Place 3	July 2019	September 2026
Joe Maloney	Place 4	February 2023	September 2025
Gwen Estrada	Place 5	December 2023	September 2025
Richard Howard	Place 6	December 2023	September 2025
Darren Bates	Place 7	April 2022	September 2026

Water Commission

The Water Commission, established in 1987, governs the operation of the City-owned water system and ensures that the water system meets regulatory requirements established by federal, state, and other regulatory agencies as well as requirements established by the City.

Meetings

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm in City Hall, 9400 Municipal Pkwy.

Agendas and minutes

Agendas are available prior to the meetings. Minutes are available following approval.

[View the most recent agendas and minutes here.](#)

Members

The City Water Commission is a recommending body with commissioners appointed by the Garden Ridge [City Council](#) for two-year terms of office. The Commission consists of seven appointed residents of the City of Garden Ridge and one ex-officio City Council member, the Mayor. The current members are:

Commissioner	Position	Appointed	Current Term Expires
William Pohl, Chair	Place 1	January 2023	September 2026
Dr. Richard Carmichael	Place 2	December 2019	September 2027
Don Stone	Place 3	April 2021	September 2026
Steve Stedman	Place 4	December 2023	September 2026
Vacant	Place 5		September 2027
Keven Harshbarger	Place 6	November 2015	September 2027
Nathan Dorsey, Vice-Chair	Place 7	August 2024	September 2026
Council Member Jim Mueller, Ex-Officio			

Charter Commission

The Charter Commission, established in 2022, was tasked with drafting a [City Charter](#) to be presented to [City Council](#) and subsequently the voters for consideration in transitioning to a Home Rule City. The Charter Commission completed this task in 2023 and the [City of Garden Ridge City Charter](#) was approved by the voters on May 6, 2023.

Meetings

Meetings are held on an as needed basis as determined by the City Manager.

Agendas and Minutes

Agendas are available prior to the meetings. Minutes are available following approval.

- [View the most recent agendas and minutes here.](#)

Members

The Charter Commission consists of nine members who are residents of the City of Garden Ridge and appointed by [City Council](#). These are non-compensated positions, and the current members are:

- Nadine Knaus
- Diana Tillery
- Autumn Flanagan
- Jim Sturch
- Johnell Holly
- Armando Diaz
- Elizabeth Templeman
- Shawn Willis
- Wayne Mudge

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment (BOA) holds quasi-judicial public hearings to determine requests made by property owners in the City of Garden Ridge for special exceptions, variances, and appeals of administrative interpretations or decisions, as authorized by state law and local ordinance.

Meetings

Meetings are held on an as needed basis in the City Council Chambers at Garden Ridge City Hall. All meetings are open to the public and agendas are posted at least 72 hours prior to each meeting.

Agendas and Minutes

Agendas are available prior to the meetings. Minutes are available following approval.

[View the most recent agendas and minutes here.](#)

Members

The Board of Adjustment is composed of five regular members and one alternate member appointed by the [City Council](#) for two-year terms. The current members are:

Member	Position	Appointed	Current Term Expires
Veronica Garcia, Chair	Regular Member	December 2023	December 2025
Elizabeth Templeman, Vice-Chair	Regular Member	December 2023	December 2025
Autumn Flanagan	Regular Member	December 2023	December 2025
Roy Leatherberry	Regular Member	December 2023	December 2025
David Krawczynski	Regular Member	December 2023	December 2025
Jennifer Dalton	Alternate Member	December 2023	December 2025

Citizen Participation

We encourage citizens to attend public hearings. If you are unable to attend, comments for a posted public hearing can be submitted for consideration in writing to the City Secretary by email in accordance with the Notice of Procedures for Written Comments during a Public Hearing.

Fund Structure

Fund Structure of the City

The City maintains budgetary control of its operating accounts using various funds. A “fund” is a self-balancing set of accounts with identifiable revenue sources and expenditures. It is segregated for the purpose of measuring a specific activity. Additionally, these funds are further separated into either major funds or non-major funds based on criteria that compare the amount of assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures they report in comparison to the total governmental funds or the combination of the governmental funds and the enterprise funds.

- **Governmental Funds**

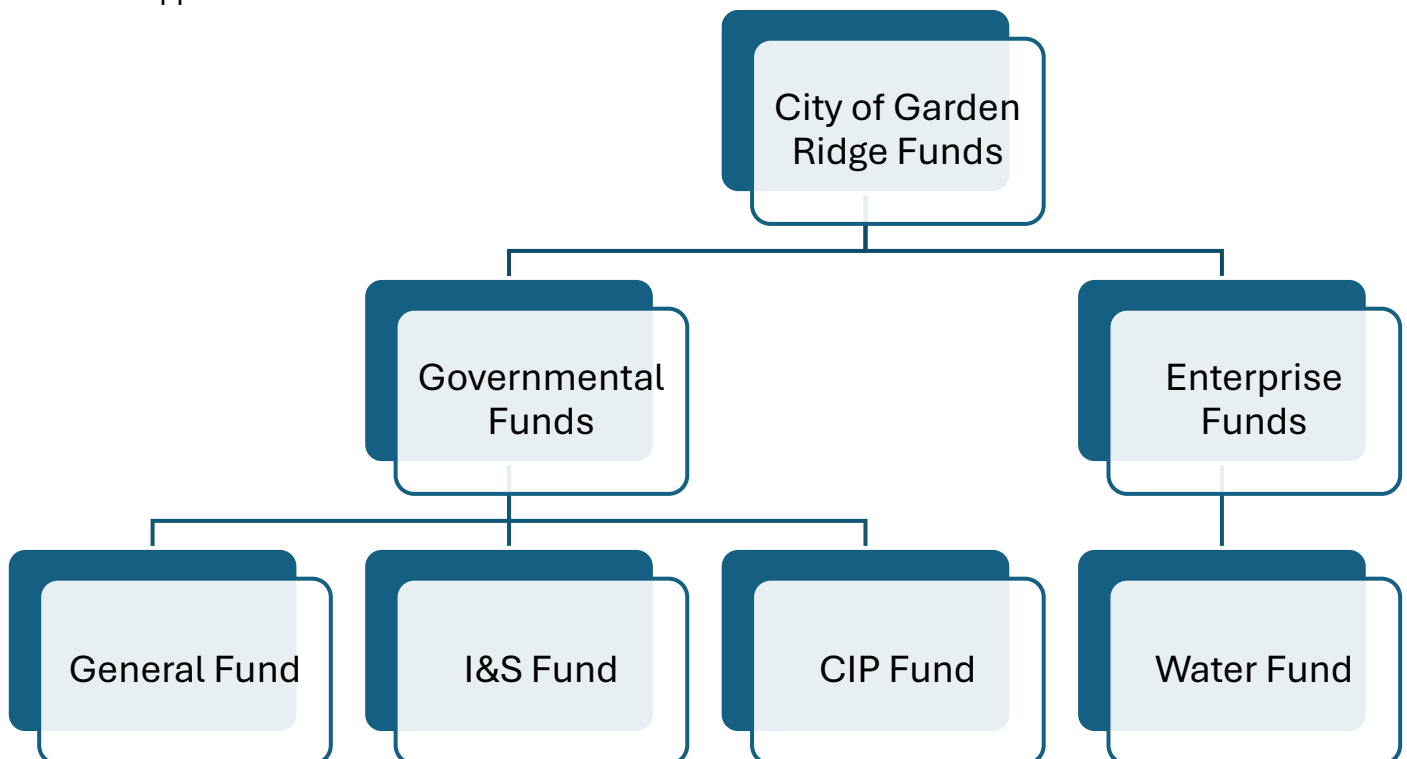
Most of the City’s government functions are financed through the governmental funds. These funds are generally used to account for tax-supported activities. Long-term liabilities and fixed assets are not accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is to determine changes in financial position (fund balance) rather than to determine net income.

- **General Fund:** The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund includes expenditures for Administration, City Secretary, Human Resources, Finance, IT, Building Codes, Public Safety, Public Works, Engineering and Planning, and the Municipal Court.
- **Debt Service Fund:** The Debt Service Fund accounts for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal and interest. These resources are funded through ad valorem property tax at the interest and sinking (I&S) tax rate.
- **Capital Project Funds:** Capital Project Funds account for the proceeds of debt issuance and internal funding for the completion of capital or strategic action plan projects outside the scope of general operations and will generally span more than one fiscal year to complete.

- **Enterprise Funds**

Enterprise funds are used to account for an activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods and services. The City reports activities for a Utility Fund which includes water services.

- **Utility Operations Fund:** The Utility Operations Fund accounts for the revenues from water and wastewater operating activities. It includes expenditures for all operating and maintenance activities that support these services.



The City Budget



Basis of Budgeting

The government-wide funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. This measurement focus is also used for the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Revenue types, which have been accrued, are revenue from the investments, intergovernmental revenue and charges for services.

Property taxes are recognized in the year for which they are levied. Grants are recognized as revenue when all applicable eligibility requirements imposed by the provider are met.

Governmental fund level financial statements are reported using current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Measurable and available revenues include revenues expected to be received within 60 days after the fiscal year ends. Receivables which are measurable but not collectible within 60 days after the end of the fiscal period are reported as unearned revenue.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a fund liability is incurred; however, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when the liability has matured and payment is due. The government reports the following major governmental funds: The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City and is always classified as a major fund.

The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Major revenue sources include property taxes, charges for services, intergovernmental revenues and investment of idle funds. Primary expenditures are for general government, public safety, public facilities, municipal court and capital acquisition.

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for all funds collected and disbursed in the retirement of governmental debt.

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the proceeds from bond issues and other resources specifically designated for capital expenditures.

The City's non-major governmental fund is the Asset Forfeiture Fund (a special revenue fund).

Proprietary fund level financial statements are used to account for activities similar to those often found in the private sector. The measurement focus is upon determination of net income, financial position and cash flows. The City's Proprietary Fund is the Water-Works Fund (used to account for the provision of water services to residents). The Proprietary Fund is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting as follows:

1. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when the liabilities are incurred.
2. Current-year contributions, administrative expenses and benefit payments, which are not received or paid until the subsequent year, are accrued.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations.

City of Garden Ridge Budget Process

The fiscal year for the City of Garden Ridge begins on October 1 and ends on September 30 of the following calendar year. In accordance with Texas state law and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the City adopts a balanced budget each fiscal year, ensuring that estimated revenues equal planned expenditures.

The budget serves as both a financial plan and a policy statement, aligning City operations with the services and priorities desired by Garden Ridge residents.

Phases of the Budget Process

1. Budget Preparation

- **Departmental Requests**

Department heads initiate the process by preparing budget requests based on current needs and long-term goals. A standardized framework is used to develop operating and capital expense estimates.

- **Preliminary Revenue Estimates**

Upon receipt of **preliminary tax roll data**, the **City Manager** and **Finance Director** establish budgeting guidelines. These are informed by estimated property values and projected tax rate scenarios.

- **Departmental Budget Reviews**

Departmental submissions are reviewed collaboratively by the City Manager and Finance Director. Individual review sessions are held with department heads to ensure clarity and alignment with City objectives.

2. Budget Development and Refinement

- **City Council Work Sessions (July)**

The **City Council** conducts public budget work sessions to review the draft budget and deliberate on policy priorities. **Citizen participation is encouraged** during these sessions to promote transparency and community engagement.

- **Certified Tax Roll Integration**

Upon receipt of the **certified tax rolls**, the Finance Director updates revenue estimates accordingly. A revised proposed budget is submitted to the City Manager for final review.

3. Budget Presentation and Adoption

- **Filing of the Proposed Budget (August)**

The **City Manager** files the **Proposed Budget** with the **City Secretary**, in compliance with the **Texas Local Government Code** and **Truth-in-Taxation laws**.

- **Public Hearings (August–September)**

Public hearings are held to receive input on both the proposed budget and the tax rate. These forums provide an opportunity for residents to engage with the budget process and offer feedback.

- **Budget and Tax Rate Adoption (August–September)**

Following hearings and deliberations, the **City Council formally adopts the Annual Budget and the corresponding Tax Rate.**

- **Publication of the Adopted Budget (September)**

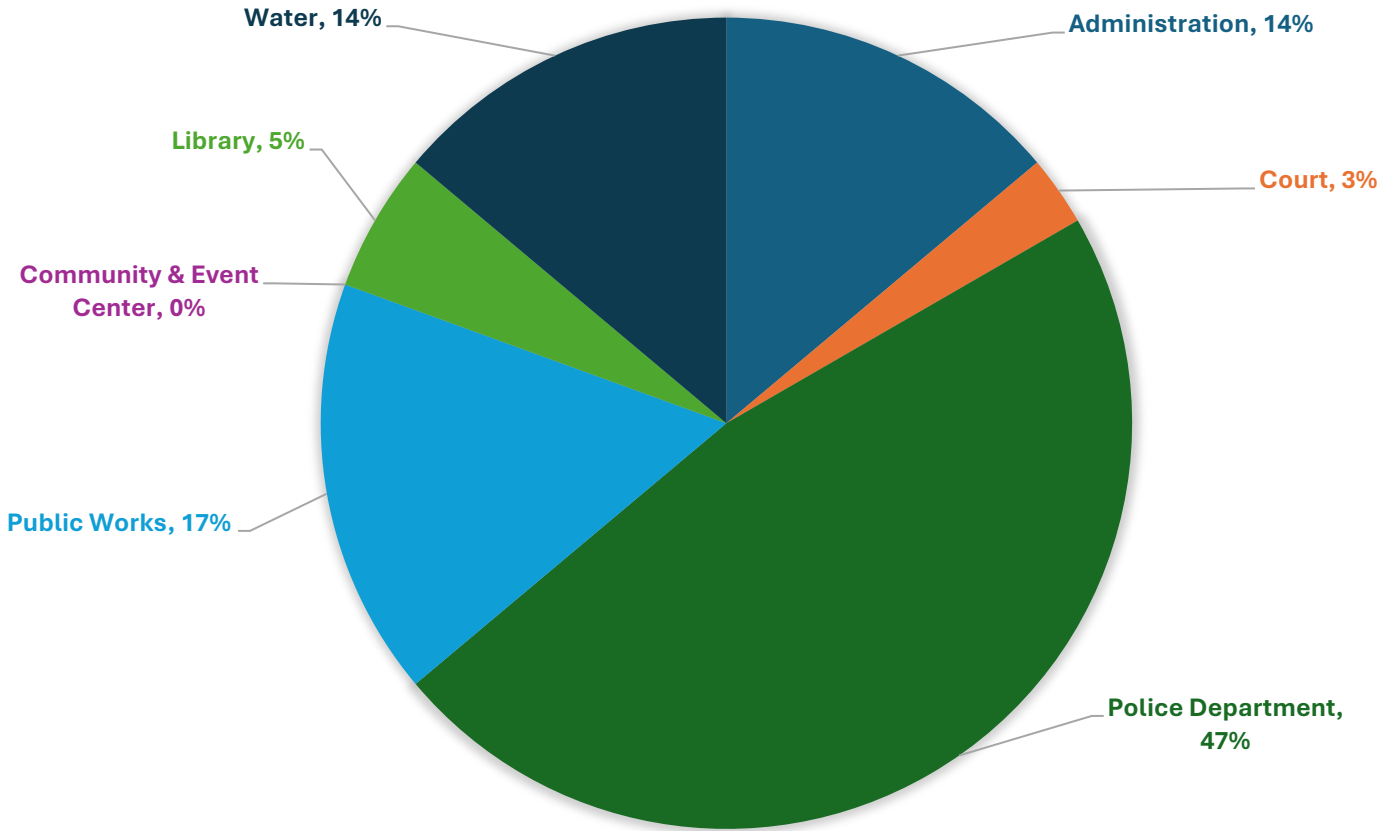
The final budget document is published and made available to the public.

4. Budget Amendments (Post-Adoption)

After the fiscal year begins, **amendments may be made** to the budget as necessary to reflect unforeseen changes or adjustments in funding or priorities. All amendments follow the procedures required by law and City policy.

Personnel Changes

FY 2026 Total Personnel - General Fund & Water



Department	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	Budget
Administration	5	5	5	5	5	461,829
Court	1	1	1	1	1	103,529
Police Department	14	14	14	15	17	1,786,815
Public Works	6	6	6	6	6	511,772
Community & Event Center	0	0	0	0	0	6,563
Library	2	2	2	2	2	158,693
Water	4	4	4	5	5	716,179
City of Garden Ridge Total	32	32	32	34	36	3,745,379

For Fiscal Year 2026, the City of Garden Ridge has invested in 2 new positions:

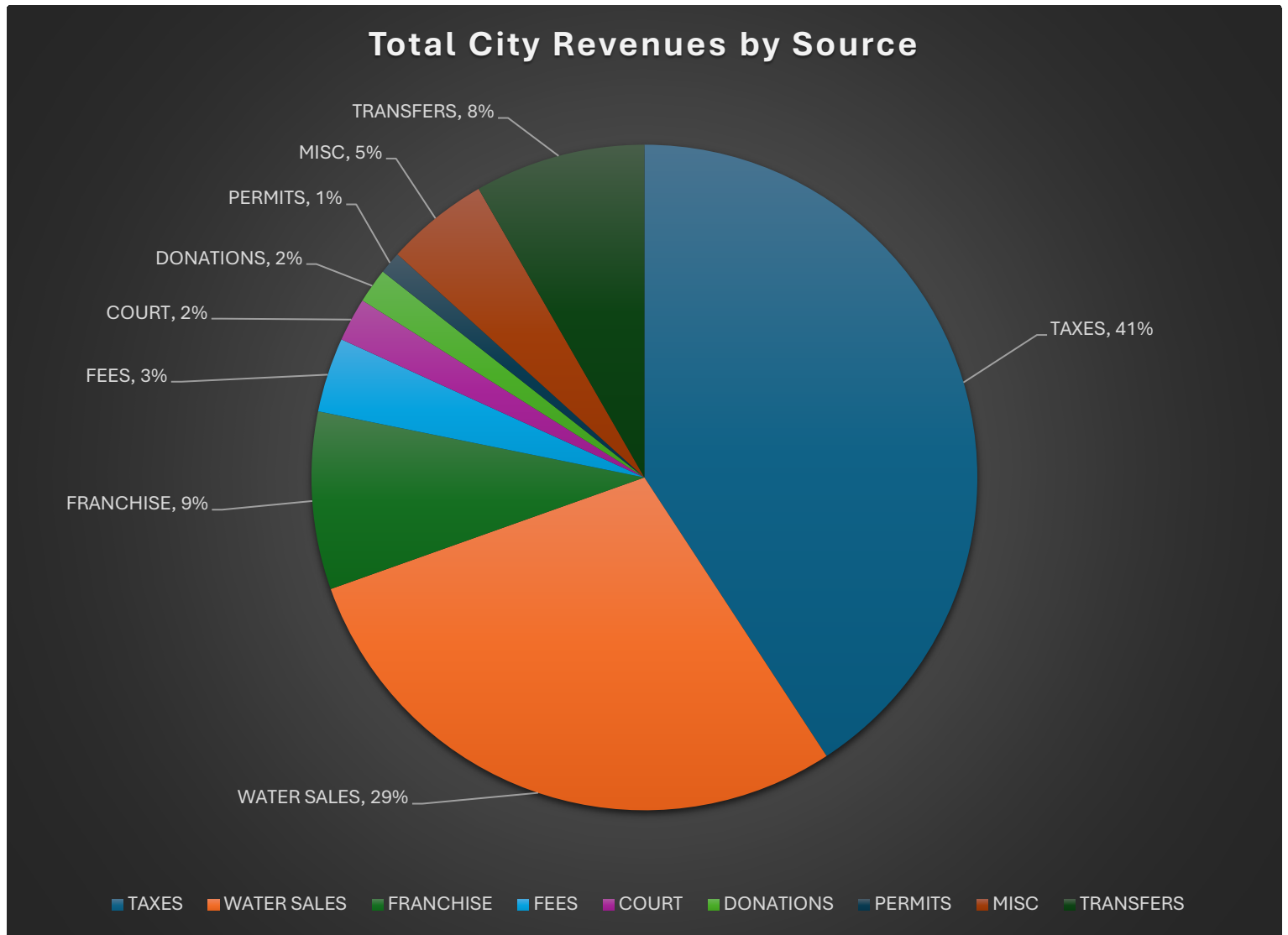
- **A Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer**
- **A Full-Time Patrol Officer**

Overview of Revenue



Overview of Revenue Sources and Assumptions

Revenue is estimated based on historical data, current economic conditions and other demographic data. The City's revenue budget estimation takes into consideration many unique elements that respond to a variety of external factors such as population growth, development, inflation, and interest rates. The City of Garden Ridge applies a conservative philosophy that will produce a long-term goal of neither overstating revenues nor understating expenditures. During our revenue estimation process, the City tries to consider as many factors as possible that may contribute to changes in revenues. The City of Garden Ridge obtains revenue from several sources but relies heavily on residential property tax.



The City's revenue base reflects a diversified mix of funding sources that support both general government operations and enterprise functions like water services. The largest contributors are **taxes** and **water sales**, which together represent over **70% of total revenues**.

Revenue Breakdown:

Ad Valorem – 41%

This includes property tax and other tax revenues, forming the core of the General Fund and supporting essential public services.

Water Sales – 29%

Represents the largest single enterprise revenue source, supporting the City's Water Fund operations, capital needs, and debt service.

Franchise Fees – 9%

Paid by utility providers for the use of public right-of-way, helping fund general services.

Fees – 4%

Includes building, planning, and service-related fees.

Transfers/Loan - 8%

Includes Inter-city Loan received from the General Fund to the Water Fund for its Capital Improvement Projects (specifically the Vista Ridge Tie-In Project).

Miscellaneous – 5%

Includes interest earnings, insurance proceeds, and other non-recurring revenues.

Court, Donations, Permits – Combined 5%

These smaller sources provide targeted support for specific programs or functions.

Key Insight:

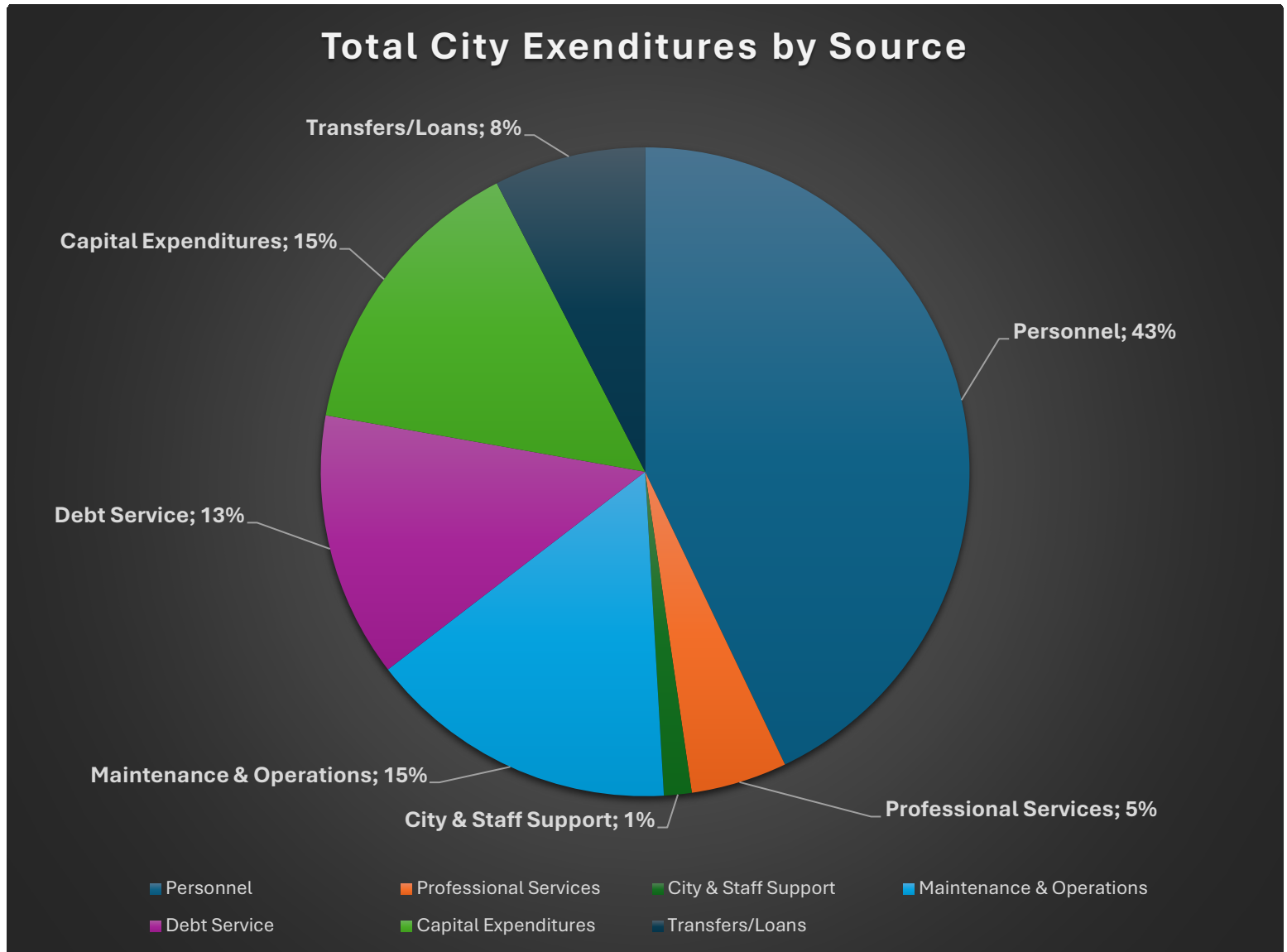
This revenue profile shows the City remains largely self-sustaining, with strong enterprise support and limited reliance on volatile or one-time funding sources. Strategic rate and tax policies ensure long-term service delivery and financial stability.

Overview of Expenditure



Overview of Expense Assumptions

The City of Garden Ridge projects expenditures through a cost build-up approach based on historical data, economic data, and any other policy changes that might affect the expenditures for the fiscal year. The City's goal is to appropriate sufficient monies to provide quality services at a reasonable cost and with available financial resources. An additional goal this year was to keep the M&O expenditure as low as possible while maintaining service levels to offset the increase in the debt service (I&S) expenditures from new debt issuances.



Personnel Expenditures - 43% of Total City Expenditures: Personnel expenditures include the salaries, insurance, taxes, retirement, and workers' compensation for all departments.

Maintenance & Operations Expenditures - 15% of Total City Expenditures: This category of expenditure includes in-house street maintenance, drainage work, vehicle maintenance and repairs, green space maintenance, building and equipment repairs, minor equipment, fuel and supplies/consumables.

Strategic Projects & Capital Outlay - 15% of Total City Expenditures: Capital outlay includes the capital expenditures such as infrastructure and equipment, budgeted to be spent throughout all the funds.

Professional Services Expenditures - 5% of Total City Expenditures: Professional services expenditures include consulting expenses, legal fees, dispatch and jail services, audits, election fees, investigations, training, technology/software, and reporting costs.

Debt Service Expenditures - 13% of Total City Expenditures: Debt Service expenditures include the debt obligations due in FY 2024-25.

Transfers/Loans - 8% of Total City Expenditures: This includes an Inter-City Loan to Water from the General Fund for its Capital Improvement Projects (specifically the Vista Ridge Tie-In Project).

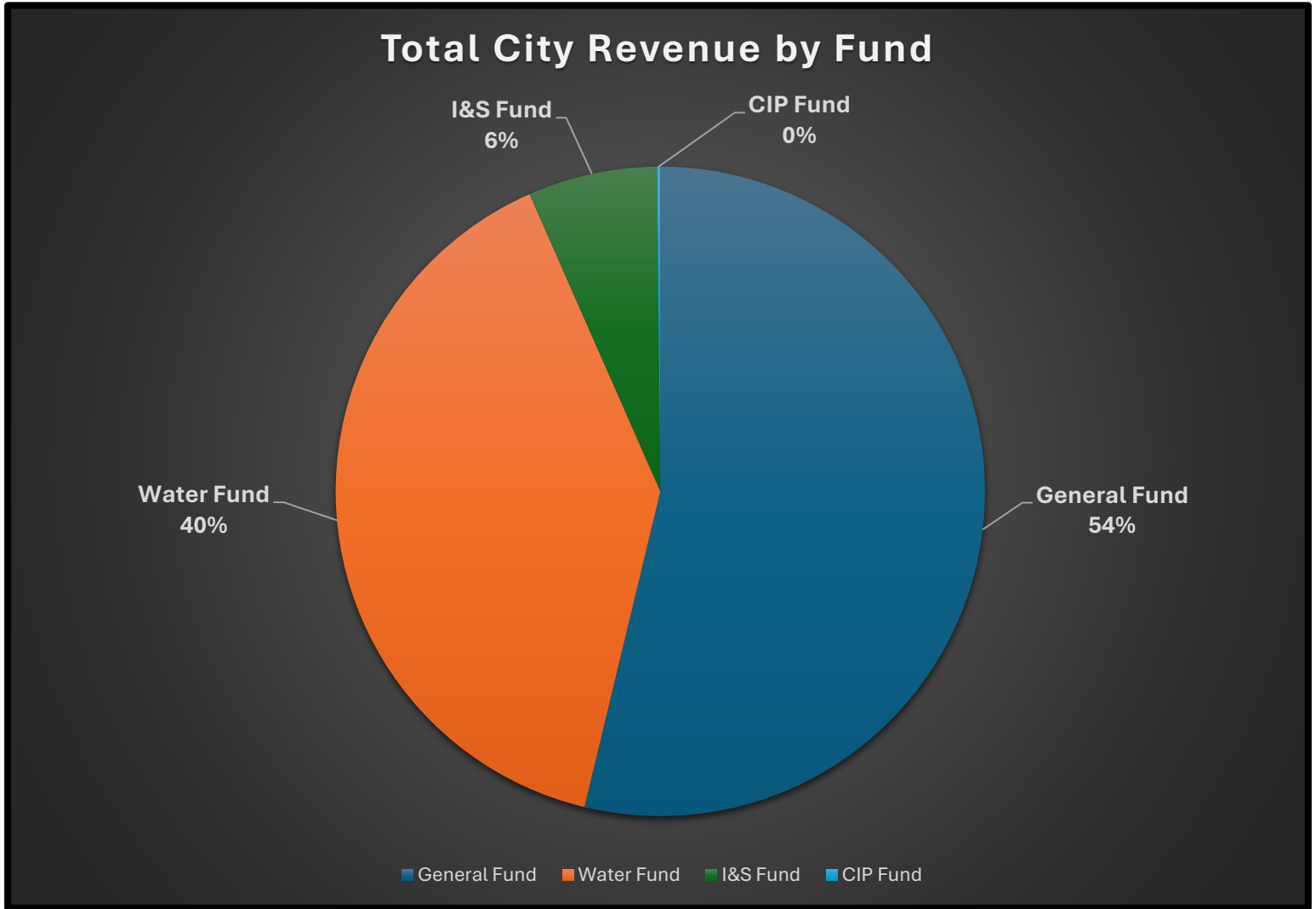
City & Staff Support - 1% of Total City Expenditures: This includes professional development and Council/City Special Events.

Fund Summaries



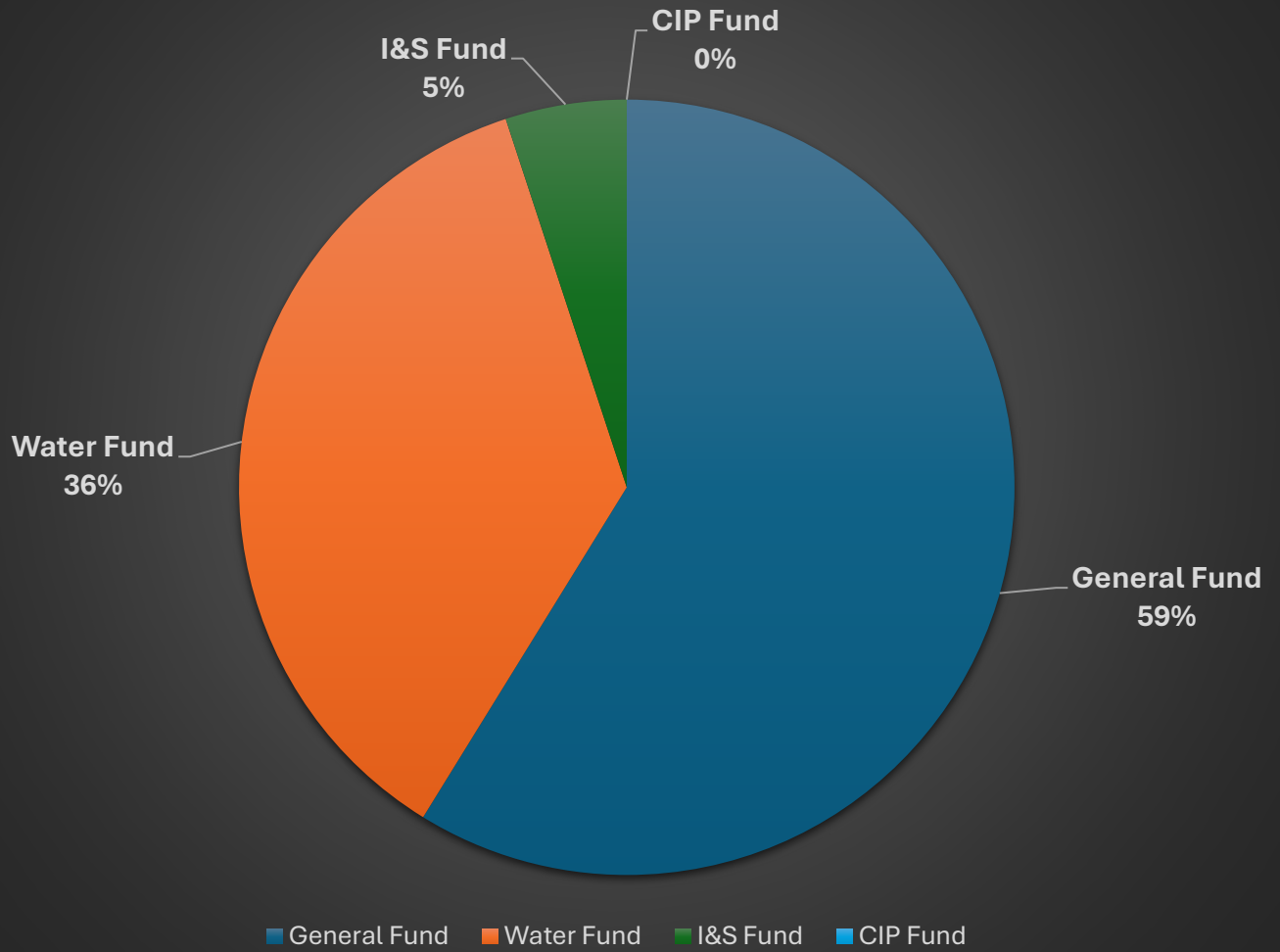
Fund Summary

The City of Garden Ridge is projecting \$7.9M of revenue in FY 2026, which represents a 4.18% decrease over the prior year. Budgeted expenditures are projected to increase by 0.03% or from \$8.7M to \$8.7M in FY 2026.



<i>Fund</i>	<i>FY 2023 AUDIT</i>	<i>FY 2024 AUDIT</i>	<i>FY 2025 BUDGET</i>	<i>FY 2025 AMENDED BUDGET</i>	<i>FY 2026 BUDGET</i>
<i>General Fund</i>	3,645,124	4,002,953	3,806,701	4,073,158	4,278,307
<i>Water Fund</i>	2,610,816	2,561,811	3,285,564	3,220,016	3,155,100
<i>I&S Fund</i>	650,963	652,059	664,637	664,637	512,391
<i>CIP Fund</i>	44,385	578,515	333,635	333,635	12,960
<i>Total</i>	6,951,288	7,795,338	8,090,537	8,291,446	7,958,758

Total Expenditures by Fund



<i>Fund</i>	<i>FY 2023 AUDIT</i>	<i>FY 2024 AUDIT</i>	<i>FY 2025 BUDGET</i>	<i>FY 2025 AMENDED BUDGET</i>	<i>FY 2026 BUDGET</i>
<i>General Fund</i>	3,001,517	3,311,336	4,964,079	4,571,485	5,133,033
<i>Water Fund</i>	1,847,265	1,911,393	3,217,625	3,180,648	3,155,100
<i>I&S Fund</i>	696,471	689,976	653,739	653,739	441,236
<i>CIP Fund</i>	226,665	272,427	838,230	320,675	0
Total	5,771,918	6,185,132	9,673,673	8,726,547	8,729,368

General Fund

GENERAL FUND The General Fund is the primary operating fund of governmental activities for the City. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The services provided within the General Fund include Public Safety, City Administration, City Secretary, Municipal Court, Public Works (Public Works, Streets, Building Maintenance, Fleet), Engineering Services (Development, Planning, Inspections), and Administrative Services (Finance, Purchasing, Human Resources, and Information Technology).

General Fund Revenue by Source

GENERAL FUND	FY 2023 AUDIT	FY 2024 AUDIT	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED2 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET
REVENUE SUMMARY					
TAXES	2,371,041	2,494,291	2,502,941	2,629,353	2,738,103
FRANCHISE	609,908	649,196	687,055	696,886	686,700
PERMITS	65,247	68,794	63,200	63,200	86,200
FEES	187,690	207,304	182,275	196,675	199,275
DONATIONS	22,109	40,702	10,000	10,914	134,499
COURT	153,769	224,000	160,930	163,030	168,330
MISCELLANEOUS	235,360	318,668	200,300	313,100	265,200
TOTAL REVENUES	3,645,124	4,002,953	3,806,701	4,073,158	4,278,307

General Fund Expenditure by Type

GENERAL FUND	FY 2023 AUDIT	FY 2024 AUDIT	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED2 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY					
ADMINISTRATIVE	819,828	776,112	967,819	1,070,370	967,060
COURT	95,107	103,062	116,181	117,447	140,168
POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,274,950	1,337,592	1,769,581	1,649,300	1,971,551
PUBLIC WORKS	639,016	727,777	712,293	800,462	787,333
COMMUNITY CENTER	63,662	70,782	75,767	77,367	83,043
LIBRARY	108,954	138,575	165,019	171,094	187,878
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		157,436	1,157,420	685,445	996,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,001,517	3,311,336	4,964,079	4,571,485	5,133,033

Fund Balance

GENERAL FUND	FY 2023 AUDIT	FY 2024 AUDIT	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED2 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET
OVER/UNDER	643,608	691,617	(1,157,379)	(498,327)	(854,726)
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	4,454,737	5,014,323	5,225,163	5,705,940	5,129,138
ENDING FUND BALANCE	5,098,345	5,705,940	4,067,784	5,207,613	4,274,412
RESTRICTED & UNCOLLECTED BALANCES					
PREPAID ITEMS	2,343				
CHILD SAFETY	49,315	54,041	49,315	54,041	54,041
COURT SECURITY	6,813	10,830	892	10,830	10,830
DONATIONS	26,166	36,552	19,220	36,552	36,552
OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND					3,382
PEG CAPITAL FEES	52,582	54,907	40,050	9,907	9,907
UNCOLLECTED RECEIVABLES & PAYABLES	824,351	824,351	764,301	764,301	824,351
TOTAL RESTRICTED	961,570	980,681	873,778	875,631	939,063
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	4,136,775	4,725,259	3,194,007	4,331,982	3,335,349
EXPENDITURES PER MONTH	250,126	262,825	317,222	323,837	344,753
MONTHS OF EXPENDITURES	17	18	10	13	10



General Fund Revenue Detail

REVENUES	FY 2023 AUDIT	FY 2024 AUDIT	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED2 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET
TAXES					
AD VALOREM - TAXES	1,853,719	1,927,974	1,984,941	2,045,353	2,134,103
AD VALOREM TAXES - DELINQUENT	(147)	(8,620)	5,000	8,000	8,000
AD VALOREM TAXES - P & I	9,526	6,281	8,000	6,000	6,000
STATE SALES TAX	507,943	568,656	505,000	570,000	590,000
TOTAL TAXES	2,371,041	2,494,291	2,502,941	2,629,353	2,738,103
FRANCHISES					
CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE FEE	61,406	58,125	61,000	61,000	57,000
ELECTRICITY FRANCHISE FEE	388,149	388,687	385,000	390,000	380,000
GAS FRANCHISE FEE	26,293	26,745	26,744	24,386	24,000
TELEPHONE FRANCHISE FEE	4,382	3,339	6,000	4,000	2,800
WATER COMPANY FRANCHISE FEES	67,291	67,407	67,500	67,500	67,500
11% COLLECTION FEE - TRASH	25,526	118,104	80,520	83,400	87,153
5% TRASH FRANCHISE FEE			36,600	36,600	38,247
DUMPSTER FEE COLLECTION	21,377	(13,209)	23,691	30,000	30,000
DUMPSTER FEE PAID		0	0	0	0
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FEE	15,483	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FRANCHISES	609,908	649,196	687,055	696,886	686,700
PERMITS					
ALARM SYSTEMS	1,100	1,405	1,200	1,200	1,200
BUILDING PERMITS	63,692	66,088	62,000	62,000	85,000
BUSINESS PERMITS	455	1,300	0	0	0
TOTAL PERMITS	65,247	68,794	63,200	63,200	86,200
FEES & LICENSES					
TRASH PENALTIES	4,809	5,779	5,300	7,100	7,200
P&Z VARIANCE FILING FEES	2,650	7,597	10,000	2,100	2,100
PET TAG LICENSES	3,207	2,891	3,000	3,000	3,000
PET IMPOUND FEE	370	230	200	200	200
TOWER RENTAL	44,295	45,657	44,295	44,295	44,295
COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL FEES	73,825	92,985	75,000	90,000	95,000
COMMUNITY CENTER DEPOSITS	35,050	(5,341)	2,000	2,000	2,000
COMMUNITY CENTER DEPOSIT REFUNDS	(29,475)	0	0	0	0
COMMUNITY CENTER CLEAN-UP FEES	5,575	9,605	9,000	9,500	9,500
PARK RENTAL FEES	5,960	6,320	7,500	7,500	5,000
PARK DEPOSITS	505	(160)	800	800	800
CREDIT CARD USER FEE	24,474	27,825	10,000	15,000	15,000
RENTAL FORMER CITY COMPLEX	16,445	13,915	15,180	15,180	15,180
TOTAL FEES	187,690	207,304	182,275	196,675	199,275
DONATIONS					
COMMUNITY CNTR DONATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
DONATION - POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,075	1,399	0	300	0
PET DONATIONS	925	10	0	0	0

REVENUES	FY 2023 AUDIT	FY 2024 AUDIT	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED2 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET
LIBRARY DONATIONS	11,280	8,866	0	6,344	0
PARK DONATIONS / GRANTS	0	15,000	0	0	133,499
50th ANNIVERSARY DONATIONS	330	0	0	0	0
SPECIAL EVENTS DONATIONS	1,000	20	0	50	0
BRICK GARDEN PROGRAM		2,300	10,000	1,500	1,000
PARKS COMMITTEE DONATION	5,430	5,879	0	0	0
LEOS TRAINING DONATION	1,070	2,727	0	2,720	0
COUNCIL EVENT-DONATIONS	1,000	0	0	0	0
LANDSCAPE DONATIONS	0	4,500	0	0	0
TOTAL DONATIONS	22,109	40,702	10,000	10,914	134,499
COURT					
MUNI COURT & WARRANT FINES	130,760	199,162	140,000	140,000	144,500
OTHER COURT FEES	1,103	1,080	2,180	2,180	2,180
CHILD SAFETY/BLDG SECURITY & TECH FUND	15,222	16,475	11,600	13,700	14,500
OTHER COURT REVENUE	6,684	7,283	7,150	7,150	7,150
TOTAL COURT	153,769	224,000	160,930	163,030	168,330
MISCELLANEOUS					
TASK FORCE REIMBURSEMENT	0	0	20,707	20,707	21,740
LESS: TASK FORCE OVERTIME	0	0	(20,707)	(20,707)	(21,740)
REVENUE - LEIGH HANSON, INC.	0	0	37,800	37,800	37,800
CONTRA - VIBRA-TECH (PMTS)	0	0	(37,800)	(37,800)	(37,800)
INSURANCE CLAIM REVENUE		6,948	0	53,000	0
BANK INTEREST	152,261	214,763	150,000	205,000	200,000
BAD DEBT COLLECTIONS	2,864	0	300	300	3,000
SALE OF ASSETS	30,157	42,373	3,000	5,800	12,000
VEHICLE IMPOUND FEE	2,871	5,780	5,000	5,000	5,200
RECYCLING				2,000	3,000
MISC. INCOME	47,207	48,803	42,000	42,000	42,000
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	235,360	318,668	200,300	313,100	265,200
	3,645,124	4,002,953	3,806,701	4,073,158	4,278,307

Water Fund



The Utility Fund is an Enterprise Fund of the City. Enterprise Funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The intent is that the costs of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. Services provided by the Utility Fund include utility administration, meter reading, water treatment and distribution, and wastewater collection and treatment. The fund's source of revenue is the charge for water and sewer services. Utility rates are set by the City Council.

Water Fund Revenue By Source

WATER FUND	FY 2023 AUDITED	FY 2024 AUDITED	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET
REVENUE SUMMARY					
WATER SALES	2,285,062	1,928,288	2,218,548	2,150,000	2,290,000
FEES	88,796	84,489	97,016	91,016	88,100
MISCELLANEOUS	99,304	134,580	103,000	112,000	117,000
FUND CHANGES/XFERS/LOANS	137,654	414,455	867,000	867,000	660,000
TOTAL REVENUES	2,610,816	2,561,811	3,285,564	3,220,016	3,155,100

Water Expenditure By Source

WATER FUND	FY 2023 AUDITED	FY 2024 AUDITED	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY					
PERSONNEL SERVICES	532,849	515,190	710,879	674,404	716,179
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	14,316	50,263	84,863	85,500	129,175
STAFF SUPPORT	10,968	10,422	13,700	13,700	15,700
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	218,178	208,271	218,240	221,793	244,889
DISTRIBUTION SERVICES	195,176	183,800	199,000	191,000	192,000
MAINTENANCE SERVICES	122,871	82,729	90,000	92,000	115,597
COMPLIANCE SERVICES	75,268	76,424	85,516	86,824	86,000
DEBT SERVICE & LOAN PAYMENTS	677,639	677,021	708,427	708,427	712,560
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	107,274	1,107,000	1,107,000	943,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,847,265	1,911,393	3,217,625	3,180,648	3,155,100

Fund Balance

WATER FUND	FY 2023 AUDITED	FY 2024 AUDITED	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET
OVER/UNDER	763,551	689,651	67,940	39,368	0
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	8,222,155	8,985,706	9,034,139	9,676,134	9,675,357
ENDING FUND BALANCE	8,985,706	9,675,357	9,102,079	9,715,502	9,675,357
RESTRICTED FUNDS + SIB RESERVE	188,424	49,558	188,424	50,336	50,336
LESS NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	7,429,729	8,135,400	7,429,729	8,135,400	8,135,400
UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	1,367,553	1,490,398	1,483,926	1,529,766	1,489,621
NEXT YEAR DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES LESS DEBT EXPENDITURES PER MONTH	710,327	706,925	706,924	706,924	711,058
EXPENDITURES PER MONTH	97,469	93,925	116,850	113,768	124,962
MONTHS OF EXPENDITURES	7	8	7	7	6

Water Fund Revenue Detail

REVENUES	FY 2023 AUDITED	FY 2024 AUDITED	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET
WATER SALES					
WATER SALES	2,285,062	1,928,288	2,218,548	2,150,000	2,290,000
TOTAL SALES	2,285,062	1,928,288	2,218,548	2,150,000	2,290,000
FEES					
METER INSTALLATION FEES	5,300	3,975	10,000	4,000	3,000
WATER PENALTIES	15,197	12,280	14,000	14,000	14,000
EAA REVENUE ACCOUNT	55,441	55,596	57,516	57,516	55,600
TRINITY GWCD REVENUE	12,185	12,218	15,000	15,000	15,000
NSF CHECK INCOME	673	420	500	500	500
TOTAL FEES	88,796	84,489	97,016	91,016	88,100
MISCELLANEOUS					
MISC INCOME	7,579	1,503	2,000	2,000	2,000
BAD DEBT COLLECTIONS	1,404	0	2,000	1,000	1,000
SALE OF ASSETS	2,925	22,337	4,000	4,000	4,000
CREDIT CARD USER FEES			10,000	10,000	10,000
INTEREST	87,397	110,740	85,000	95,000	100,000
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	99,304	134,580	103,000	112,000	117,000
FUND CHANGES/TRANSFERS					
TRANSFER FROM 400 FUND	110,274	414,455	0	0	0
TRANSFER FROM 220 FUND	27,380	0	0	0	0
LOAN FROM 100 FUND	0	0	867,000	867,000	660,000
TOTAL CHANGES/TRANSFERS	137,654	414,455	867,000	867,000	660,000
TOTAL REVENUES	2,610,816	2,561,811	3,285,564	3,220,016	3,155,100

Interest and Sinking (I&S) Fund

INTEREST & SINKING FUND		FY 2023 AUDIT	FY 2024 AUDIT	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET	REMAINING PRINCIPLE BALANCE AS OF 9/30/2026
REVENUES						
40022	AD VALOREM TAXES	643,471	653,832	656,937	507,891	
40024	AD VALOREM DELINQUENT TAXES	(207)	(7,928)	1,500	-	
40026	P&I/DELINQUENT TAX	3,263	2,114	1,700	1,000	
40027	BANK INTEREST	4,436	4,041	4,500	3,500	
40030	TRANSFERS FROM WATER FUND	666,254	663,292	661,928	666,597	
TOTAL I&S REVENUES		1,317,217	1,315,351	1,326,565	1,178,987	
DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS						
CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION - SERIES 2012						
<i>DEBT IS CARRIED 56% BY GENERAL FUND AND 44% BY WATER FUND - FINAL PMT 8/15/2031</i>						
50126	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	325,000	330,000	340,000	355,000	2,365,000
50125	INTEREST PAYMENT	110,638	100,812	90,762	56,352	
CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION - SERIES 2012 REFI (REFI OF SERIES 2002 AND SERIES 2005)						
<i>DEBT IS CARRIED 100% BY GENERAL FUND - FINAL PMT 2/15/2025</i>						
50126	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	140,000	145,000	145,000	0	
50125	INTEREST PAYMENT	10,800	6,525	2,175	0	
CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION - SERIES 2015						
<i>DEBT IS CARRIED 58% BY GENERAL FUND AND 42% BY WATER FUND - FINAL PMT 8/15/2034</i>						
50126	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	285,000	290,000	300,000	310,000	3,440,000
50125	INTEREST PAYMENT	171,975	163,350	154,500	100,300	
CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION - SERIES 2017 REFI (REFI OF SERIES 2009)						
<i>DEBT IS CARRIED 100% BY WATER FUND - FINAL PMT 8/15/2029</i>						
50126	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	220,000	225,000	230,000	240,000	1,045,000
50125	INTEREST PAYMENT	63,500	56,825	50,000	42,950	
50126	TOAL PRINCIPAL BOND PAYMENTS	970,000	990,000	1,015,000	905,000	
50125	TOAL INTEREST BOND PAYMENTS	356,913	327,512	297,437	199,602	
50127	AGENT FEES (54% GF & 46% WATER)	2,500	3,150	3,150	3,150	
50131	BANK FEES/MISCELLANEOUS FEES	88	0	80	80	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS		1,329,501	1,320,662	1,315,667	1,107,832	6,850,000
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		31,498	30,524	24,900	25,213	
ENDING FUND BALANCE		19,215	25,213	35,797	96,368	

Capital Improvements Fund

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	FY 2023 AUDITED	FY 2024 BUDGET	FY 2024 AMMENDED BUDGET	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET
REVENUES					
AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS - BEGINNING BALANCE	1,011,225	272,427	818,230	317,675	-
REVENUE					
INTEREST AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS	33,670		20,000	3,000	-
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	1,044,895	272,427	838,230	320,675	-
EXPENDITURES					
RADIO SYSTEM		-	-	-	-
GENERATOR	46,477	-	-	-	-
PUMP EQUIPMENT / WELL	76,747	149,273	149,273	-	-
POLICE CAR	45,217			-	-
RESTRIPING MUNICIPAL PKWY	11,450			-	-
SERVER		-	-	-	-
CHILL PLANT		123,154	123,154	-	-
ENGINEERING FEES		-	-	-	-
2252/3009 WATERLINE RELOCATION	46,774	-	565,803	320,675	-
TOTAL RECOVERY FUNDS EXPENDITURES	226,665	272,427	838,230	320,675	-
AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS - ENDING BALANCE	818,230	-	-	-	-
WATER IMPACT - BEGINNING BALANCE	171,784	178,815	179,746	178,815	188,415
REVENUE					
INTEREST WATER IMPACT	7,961	-	9,600	9,600	9,600
EXPENDITURES					
WATER IMPACT - ENDING BALANCE	179,746	178,815	189,346	188,415	198,015
STREET IMPACT - BEGINNING BALANCE	59,451	61,838	62,206	61,838	65,198
REVENUE					
INTEREST STREET IMPACT	2,755	-	3,360	3,360	3,360
EXPENDITURES					
STREET IMPACT - ENDING BALANCE	62,206	61,838	65,566	65,198	68,558
TOTAL CIP FUND	1,060,181	240,654	254,911	253,614	266,573

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PERSONNEL SERVICES							
GROSS PAYROLL	280,189	291,771	374,229	365,240	342,898	(22,342)	3% COLA
OVERTIME	10	1,490	1,802	1,817	2,110	293	
CERTIFICATION	900	900	1,800	2,070	2,070	0	
LONGEVITY	2,490	2,821	3,660	3,660	1,650	(2,010)	
FICA	17,149	18,130	23,783	23,536	22,028	(1,508)	
MEDICARE	4,058	4,240	5,563	5,505	5,152	(353)	
SUI TAXES	96	470	468	468	381	(87)	
WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	6,815	6,633	7,889	7,889	8,284	394	
HEALTH/DENTAL/VISION INS	27,778	28,612	44,660	44,660	37,515	(7,145)	
VEHICLE ALLOWANCE	0	0	0	2,714	4,500	1,786	
LIFE INS	4,057	3,927	5,506	5,506	3,265	(2,241)	
RETIREMENT-ER SHARE	21,601	23,983	33,296	32,951	31,976	(975)	
TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES	365,142	382,978	502,656	496,016	461,829	(34,188)	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES							
ATTORNEY	53,151	53,273	61,000	61,000	61,000	0	
ENGINEER	27,712	31,627	50,000	91,500	75,000	(16,500)	
CONSULTANT/PROFESSIONAL SVCS	0	9,120	30,000	33,000	5,000	(28,000)	
INSPECTORS	54,439	46,955	40,000	40,000	47,000	7,000	Corresponding to Permit Fee Increase
TAX APPRAISAL FEES	25,035	28,145	29,489	29,489	30,525	1,036	Comal Appraisal District Budget
TAX COLLECTION FEES	318	379	330	380	380	0	
AUDITING FEES	12,250	12,862	12,862	13,500	14,175	675	5% Estimated Increase over 2025
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	177,700	182,361	223,681	268,869	233,080	(35,789)	
CITY SUPPORT SERVICES							
COUNCIL EVENTS	3,569	2,488	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	
SPECIAL EVENTS	40,503	875	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	
BRICK PROGRAM EXPENSE		700	3,500	1,000	1,000	0	
TOTAL CITY SUPPORT SERVICES	45,105	4,149	13,500	11,000	11,000	0	
STAFF SUPPORT							
TRAINING/TRAVEL/SEMINARS	3,588	4,626	6,000	6,000	13,000	7,000	TML Conference
MEMBERSHIPS/DUES	8,532	8,821	8,500	10,000	10,707	707	TCMA Membership
MISCELLANEOUS	7,602	11,087	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	
TOTAL STAFF SUPPORT	19,721	24,535	24,500	26,000	33,707	7,707	
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT							
COMPUTER HARD & SOFTWARE	71,814	62,213	67,408	72,608	76,308	3,700	Computer/Laptop Replacements
COPIER/PRINTER LEASE	11,828	10,132	14,300	11,600	11,600	0	
POSTAGE	1,923	2,087	3,000	3,000	3,400	400	Increase in Postage Rates
PRINTING	156	761	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	
SUPPLIES	5,342	3,905	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	
GENERAL LIABILITY INS	879	1,787	1,876	4,230	7,910	3,680	Estimate Change Per TML
E&O LIAB INS	2,040	3,715	3,900	2,731	4,752	2,021	Estimate Change Per TML
PROPERTY INS	12,026	16,259	16,871	19,589	21,548	1,959	Estimate Change Per TML

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LEGAL NOTICES	13,493	3,793	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	
LEGAL SETTLEMENTS				10,000	0	(10,000)	
WEBPAGE	4,243	4,740	4,977	4,977	4,977	0	
CR CARD PROC FEES	13,109	9,958	6,000	9,000	9,600	600	Proportional to Water Rate Increase
PAYROLL PROC FEES	1,941	97	150	150	150	0	
CUSTODIAL/JANITORIAL	7,812	8,155	7,800	8,400	10,000	1,600	Projected Increase in Services/Schedule
ELECTIONS	4,488	3,346	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	
BAD DEBT	4,949	744	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	160,838	131,692	147,482	167,485	171,445	3,960	
UTILITY SERVICES							
TELEPHONE	3,244	3,176	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	
UTILITIES	48,078	47,221	52,500	52,500	52,500	0	
TOTAL UTILITY SERVICES	51,322	50,397	56,000	56,000	56,000	0	
MAINTENANCE SERVICES							
CITY HALL - CHAMBERS							
STREAMING	0	0	0	45,000	0	(45,000)	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES	0	0	0	45,000	0	(45,000)	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	819,828	776,112	967,819	1,070,370	967,060	(103,310)	

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COURT	FY 2023 AUDIT	FY 2024 AUDIT	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET	VARIANCE FY26 BUDGET TO FY25 AMENDED	FY 2026 BUDGET NOTES	
PERSONNEL SERVICES								
GROSS PAYROLL	46,273	50,661	55,712	55,712	71,991	16,279	Change of Court Clerk Position to Court Administrator + 15% Salary + 3% COLA	
OVERTIME	1,212	1,819	2,737	2,738	4,959	2,221		
CERTIFICATION	584	700	400	400	900	500		
LONGEVITY	1,066	1,131	1,440	1,440	120	(1,320)		
FICA	2,869	3,188	3,738	3,738	4,838	1,100		
MEDICARE	679	746	875	875	1,132	257		
SUI	16	117	117	117	117	0		
WORKERS COMP INS	230	263	263	263	276	13		
HEALTH/DENTAL/VISION INS	8,648	9,739	11,165	11,165	11,543	378		
LIFE INSURANCE	583	574	621	621	630	9		
RETIREMENT-ER SHARE	3,785	4,310	5,233	5,234	7,023	1,789		
TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES	65,947	73,249	82,301	82,303	103,529	21,226		
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES								
PROSECUTOR FEES	7,200	7,200	8,400	8,400	8,400	0		
JUDGE FEES	8,400	8,400	9,800	9,800	9,800	0		
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	15,600	15,600	18,200	18,200	18,200	0		
STAFF SUPPORT								
TRAINING/TRAVEL/SEMINARS	496	804	1,000	1,000	1,000	0		
MEMBERSHIP/DUES/LICENSES	402	185	450	450	450	0		
SUPPLIES	850	662	850	850	850	0		
TOTAL STAFF SUPPORT	1,747	1,651	2,300	2,300	2,300	0		
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT								
POSTAGE	808	1,265	800	1,300	1,495	195	Increase in Postage Rates	
PRINTING	0	0	200	200	200	0		
JURY TRIAL FEES					500	500	Potential Jury Trial in FY2026	
COMPUTER HARD & SOFTWARE	9,744	10,634	10,700	10,700	10,700	0		
COURT SECURITY EXP	1,321	1,244	480	1,244	1,244	0		
COLLECTION AGENCY FEES	(61)	(581)	1,200	1,200	2,000	800		
TOTAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	11,813	12,563	13,380	14,644	16,139	1,495		
TOTAL COURT	95,107	103,062	116,181	117,447	140,168	22,721		

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PERSONNEL SERVICES							
GROSS PAYROLL	758,840	832,533	1,130,988	1,019,542	1,270,764	251,222	New Part Time Code Enforcement Officer, New Full Time Patrol Officer Position, 3% COLA
OVERTIME	42,520	38,535	53,756	53,822	47,428	(6,394)	
CERTIFICATION	12,430	12,596	13,680	13,680	13,800	120	
FTO PAY		1,775	8,000	3,000	3,000	0	
LONGEVITY	7,655	8,848	11,520	11,520	12,120	600	
FICA	49,855	54,143	76,412	69,507	84,861	15,354	
MEDICARE	11,802	12,663	17,871	16,256	19,847	3,591	
SUI	220	1,872	1,638	1,638	1,872	234	
WORKERS COMP INS	27,177	28,013	31,461	31,461	33,034	1,573	
HEALTH/DENTAL/VISION INS	98,055	112,120	145,585	140,003	167,372	27,369	
LIFE INSURANCE	8,046	8,625	10,052	10,052	12,647	2,595	
RETIREMENT ER SHARE	64,680	73,161	104,061	94,393	120,070	25,677	
TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES	1,081,280	1,184,883	1,605,024	1,464,874	1,786,815	321,941	
CITY SUPPORT SERVICES							
COMMUNITY POLICING	2,685	1,310	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	1,001	290	500	500	500	0	
TOTAL CITY SUPPORT SERVICES	3,686	1,600	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	
STAFF SUPPORT							
UNIFORMS	5,666	11,615	11,500	11,500	11,500	0	
TRAINING/TRAVEL/SEMINARS	4,077	5,061	5,400	9,400	9,400	0	
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	1,097	1,355	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	
MEMBERSHIP/DUES/LICENSES	989	535	700	700	700	0	
PHYSICAL EXAMS	943	862	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	
DONATION EXPENDITURES	492	1,081	0	0	0	0	
LEOS/TRNG	768	1,312	0	2,720	2,720	0	
TOTAL STAFF SUPPORT	14,032	21,820	20,600	27,320	27,320	0	
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT							
COMPUTER HARD & SOFTWARE	39,373	31,769	36,000	36,000	37,800	1,800	
RANGE SUPPLIES	4,919	3,849	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	
POSTAGE	448	414	500	500	575	75	Increase in Postage Rates
PRINTING	271	530	500	500	500	0	
SUPPLIES	5,834	4,219	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	
INVESTIGATION EXPENSES	2,050	2,509	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	
LAW ENFORC LIABILITY	13,414	14,641	15,373	14,888	11,226	(3,662)	Estimate Change Per TML
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE	4,415	6,557	6,884	5,518	7,615	2,097	Estimate Change Per TML
TOTAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	70,724	64,488	72,257	70,406	70,716	310	
UTILITY SERVICES							
TELEPHONE	7,883	8,737	8,500	8,500	8,500	0	
GASOLINE	25,048	22,080	32,000	32,000	32,000	0	
TOTAL UTILITY SERVICES	32,930	30,817	40,500	40,500	40,500	0	

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MAINTENANCE SERVICES							
RADIO REPAIR	902	4,646	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	
EQUIPMENT/MAINTENANCE	3,551	2,412	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	
VEHICLE MAINT./REPAIRS	20,289	21,607	15,000	30,000	30,000	0	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES	24,742	28,665	22,500	37,500	37,500	0	
OPERATING EQUIPMENT							
EQUIPMENT LEASES	5,779	5,318	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	
TOTAL OPERATING EQUIPMENT	5,779	5,318	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,274,950	1,337,592	1,769,581	1,649,300	1,971,551	322,251	

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PERSONNEL SERVICES							
GROSS PAYROLL	272,096	287,245	317,185	317,185	338,776	21,591	7% increase for PW Reps, 3% COLA
OVERTIME	12,455	12,572	15,355	20,939	24,354	3,415	
CERTIFICATION	2,585	2,700	2,400	2,400	4,200	1,800	
LONGEVITY	6,430	7,103	8,460	8,460	8,220	(240)	
FICA	16,397	17,344	21,436	21,783	23,430	1,647	
MEDICARE	3,882	4,056	5,014	5,095	5,480	385	
SUI	95	644	644	644	644	0	
WORKERS COMP INS	4,685	4,277	5,040	5,040	5,292	252	
HEALTH/VISION/DENTAL INS	51,462	53,567	61,407	61,407	63,486	2,079	
LIFE INS	3,240	3,303	3,569	3,569	3,879	310	
RETIREMENT-ER SHARE	22,731	25,099	30,011	30,495	34,011	3,516	
TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES	396,058	417,911	470,521	477,017	511,772	34,755	
CITY SUPPORT SERVICES							
ANIMAL SERVICES	14,029	14,599	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	
CONTINGENCY	2,627	3,054	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	
TOTAL CITY SUPPORT SERVICES	27,980	88,785	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	
STAFF SUPPORT							
MEMBERSHIP/DUES/LICENSES	526	187	300	300	500	200	
UNIFORMS	3,378	3,298	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	
TRAINING/TRAVEL/SEMINARS	1,904	1,864	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	
PHYSICAL EXAMS	0	76	150	350	150	(200)	
TOTAL STAFF SUPPORT	5,807	5,424	6,450	6,650	6,650	0	
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT							
COMPUTER HARD & SOFTWARE	6,437	4,515	6,306	6,306	6,306	0	
SUPPLIES	8,318	6,943	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	
SURVEILLANCE CONNECTIVITY	1,573	3,336	1,320	1,320	1,320	0	
OPERATIONAL MATERIALS	4,012	2,197	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	
AUTOMOBILE INS	5,122	5,615	5,896	5,569	7,685	2,116	Estimate Change Per TML
TOTAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	25,461	22,606	27,522	27,195	29,311	2,116	
UTILITY SERVICES							
TELEPHONE	4,756	5,001	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	
UTILITIES	12,193	13,831	13,000	13,000	13,000	0	
GASOLINE	15,692	14,483	16,000	16,000	16,000	0	
PARK/ISLAND ELECTRIC	1,307	1,209	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	
LANDSCAPE WATERING	2,685	3,048	2,700	3,000	3,000	0	
TOTAL UTILITY SERVICES	36,633	37,572	38,300	38,600	38,600	0	
MAINTENANCE SERVICES							
BLDG/FACILITY MAINTENANCE	26,664	27,892	30,000	80,000	38,000	(42,000)	
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	5,585	2,889	3,000	13,000	13,000	0	
CITY FACILITY-LANDSCAPE PROJECT	558	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	FY 2023 AUDIT	FY 2024 AUDIT	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET	VARIANCE FY26 BUDGET TO FY25 AMENDED	FY 2026 BUDGET NOTES
CITY FACILITY-HEATING/AC MAINT	30,540	31,582	20,000	24,500	24,500	0	
FORMER CITY COMPLEX	2,712	757	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	
EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE	14,862	19,560	16,000	20,000	20,000	0	
VEHICLE MAINT/REPAIRS	8,603	23,094	12,000	24,000	20,000	(4,000)	
PARK/RECREATIONS	26,447	19,176	20,000	20,000	20,000	0	
SIGN MAINTENANCE	9,541	4,904	9,000	9,000	9,000	0	
STREET IMPROVEMENT	9,314	13,395	18,000	18,000	18,000	0	
CULVERT MAINTENANCE/MS4	9,559	4,264	9,000	9,000	9,000	0	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES	144,384	147,514	145,500	226,000	180,000	(46,000)	
OPERATING EQUIPMENT							
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	1,497	6,961	8,000	8,000	4,000	(4,000)	
SMALL HAND TOOLS	1,196	1,004	1,000	2,000	2,000	0	
TOTAL OPERATING EQUIPMENT	2,692	7,965	9,000	10,000	6,000	(4,000)	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	639,016	727,777	712,293	800,462	787,333	(13,129)	

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COMMUNITY & EVENT
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COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER	FY 2023 AUDIT	FY 2024 AUDIT	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET	VARIANCE FY26 BUDGET TO FY25 AMENDED	FY 2026 BUDGET NOTES
PERSONNEL SERVICES							
GROSS PAYROLL	2,920	4,806	4,200	4,200	5,625	1,425	
FICA	176	287	261	261	349	88	
MEDICARE	41	67	61	61	82	21	
RETIREMENT-ER SHARE	227	385	365	365	507	142	
TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES	3,365	5,545	4,887	4,887	6,563	1,676	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES							
MANAGER FEES	31,119	34,897	34,000	34,000	38,000	4,000	Community Center Manager
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	31,119	34,897	34,000	34,000	38,000	4,000	
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT							
SUPPLIES	2,073	3,004	2,200	3,000	3,000	0	
EQUIPMENT	226	586	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	2,299	3,591	8,200	9,000	9,000	0	
UTILITY SERVICES							
COMPUTER HARD & SOFTWARE	1,839	1,718	1,680	1,680	1,680	0	
TELEPHONE	600	600	600	600	600	0	
UTILITIES	11,725	11,112	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	
TOTAL UTILITY SERVICES	14,164	13,430	14,280	14,280	14,280	0	
MAINTENANCE SERVICES							
MAINTENANCE COMMUNITY CENTER	5,425	5,758	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	
CLEANING	7,290	7,560	7,400	8,200	8,200	0	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES	12,715	13,318	14,400	15,200	15,200	0	
TOTAL COMMUNITY CENTER	63,662	70,782	75,767	77,367	83,043	5,676	

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LIBRARY

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LIBRARY	FY 2023 AUDIT	FY 2024 AUDIT	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET	VARIANCE FY26 BUDGET TO FY25 AMENDED	FY 2026 BUDGET NOTES
<u>PERSONNEL SERVICES</u>							
GROSS PAYROLL	75,221	99,856	114,299	114,299	123,700	9,401	Change of Library Assistant to Assistant Library Director - 10% Salary increase + 3% Department COLA Position - moving from hourly to salary
OVERTIME	0	134	0	924	0	(924)	
LONGEVITY	476	600	840	840	840	0	
FICA	4,709	6,274	7,176	7,234	7,759	525	
MEDICARE	1,113	1,467	1,679	1,692	1,815	123	
SUI	34	243	234	234	234	0	
HEALTH/VISION/DENTAL INS	0	0	11,165	11,165	11,543	378	
LIFE INS	645	1,103	1,489	1,489	1,539	50	
RETIREMENT-ER SHARE	4,665	8,184	10,047	10,127	11,263	1,136	
TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES	86,863	117,861	146,929	148,004	158,693	10,689	
<u>CITY SUPPORT SERVICES</u>							
SPECIAL EVENTS	1,492	1,588	1,500	1,500	2,500	1,000	Department Requested
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES	1,717	1,904	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	
TOTAL CITY SUPPORT SERVICES	3,208	3,492	3,500	3,500	4,500	1,000	
<u>STAFF SUPPORT</u>							
TRAINING/TRAVEL/SEMINARS	0	224	250	250	500	250	Assistant Library Director Training
MEMBERSHIP/DUES	717	607	690	690	690	0	
TOTAL STAFF SUPPORT	717	831	940	940	1,190	250	
<u>OPERATIONAL SUPPORT</u>							
SUPPLIES	1,104	1,181	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	8 new tablets for lego robotics / laptop Department Requested INCREASE IN POSTAGE RATES Department Requested
COMPUTER HARD & SOFTWARE	3,222	4,622	4,750	4,750	7,150	2,400	
LIBRARY MATERIALS-BOOKS	1,261	2,473	3,000	3,000	4,000	1,000	
POSTAGE	136	263	300	300	345	45	
PRINTING	0	0	100	100	100	0	
DONATION EXPENDITURES	5,835	4,301	0	5,000	5,000	0	
LIBRARY GRANTS	2,556	0	0	0	0	0	
EBOOK EXPENDITURES	3,107	2,593	3,500	3,500	4,500	1,000	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	17,222	15,433	12,650	17,650	22,095	4,445	
<u>UTILITY SERVICES</u>							
TELEPHONE	945	959	1,000	1,000	1,400	400	add fax line
TOTAL UTILITY SERVICES	945	959	1,000	1,000	1,400	400	
TOTAL LIBRARY	108,954	138,575	165,019	171,094	187,878	16,784	

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**GENERAL FUND CAPITAL
EXPENDITURES**

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General Fund Capital Expenditures

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	FY 2026 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET NOTES
Police	75,000	Purchase and Outfit a New Police Unit
Public Works	167,000	Matching Trail Grants for Parks
Public Works	14,000	Zero Turn Riding Lawnmower
Public Works	45,000	Skid Steer
Public Works	35,000	Towable Boom Lift
Loan to Water	660,000	Vista Ridge Tie-In Project
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	996,000	

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UTILITIES

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WATER FUND	FY 2023 AUDITED	FY 2024 AUDITED	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET	VARIANCE FY26 BUDGET TO FY25 AMENDED	FY 2026 BUDGET NOTES	
PERSONNEL SERVICES								
GROSS PAYROLL	384,050	353,768	501,415	474,354	508,006	33,652	7% increase for utility operators, 3% COLA	
OVERTIME	14,336	24,688	16,902	16,917	18,353	1,436		
CERTIFICATION	2,974	2,431	3,200	3,470	2,170	(1,300)		
LONGEVITY	3,884	4,079	5,220	5,220	4,830	(390)		
FICA	22,999	22,388	32,848	31,285	33,380	2,095		
MEDICARE	5,408	5,235	7,683	7,317	7,807	490		
SUI	88	676	878	878	849	(29)		
WORKERS COMP INS	6,750	6,565	6,719	6,719	7,055	336		
HEALTH/DENTAL/VISION INS	48,281	54,926	83,736	78,154	77,915	(239)		
VEHICLE ALLOWANCE	0	0	0	0	1,500	1,500		
LIFE INS	4,379	4,407	6,291	6,291	5,859	(432)		
RETIREMENT-ER SHARE	39,699	36,026	45,987	43,799	48,455	4,656		
TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES	532,849	515,190	710,879	674,404	716,179	41,775		
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES								
ATTORNEY	234	102	4,000	4,000	2,000	(2,000)	Projects and Capital Improvement Planning	
ENGINEER	0	37,299	68,000	68,000	83,000	15,000		
AUDITING FEES	12,250	12,863	12,863	13,500	14,175	675	Engineer / Water Commission Request	
WATER RATE ANALYSIS	0	0	0	0	30,000	30,000		
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	14,316	50,263	84,863	85,500	129,175	43,675		
STAFF SUPPORT								
TRAINING/TRAVEL/SEMINARS	6,670	4,273	7,000	7,000	9,000	2,000	Department Request	
UNIFORMS	1,615	2,414	4,000	4,000	4,000	0		
MEMBERSHIP/DUES/LICENSES	1,392	2,136	1,300	1,300	1,300	0		
MISCELLANEOUS	1,292	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,400	0		
TOTAL STAFF SUPPORT	10,968	10,422	13,700	13,700	15,700	2,000		
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT								
GENERAL LIABILITY INS	755	759	800	1,730	3,235	1,505	Estimate Change Per TML	
AUTOMOBILE INS	4,682	5,315	5,580	5,570	7,631	2,061		
E&O LIABILITY INS	1,588	1,519	1,596	2,731	4,752	2,021	Estimate Change Per TML	
PROPERTY INS	13,960	18,659	19,592	19,590	21,549	1,959		
COMPUTER HARD & SOFTWARE	72,350	60,461	68,000	68,000	81,000	13,000	SCADA UPDATES	
FRANCHISE FEE TO CITY	67,291	67,407	67,500	67,500	67,500	0		
CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEES	3,045	9,958	10,000	10,000	11,000	1,000	Following Water Rate Increase	
PAYROLL PROCESSING FEES	540	0	150	150	150	0		
CUSTODIAL/JANITORIAL	2,604	2,718	2,784	2,784	2,784	0	Increase in Postage Rates	
PUBLIC EDUCATION	0	0	300	300	300	0		
TELEPHONE	7,914	11,171	9,536	9,536	9,536	0		
WEBPAGE	4,243	4,740	4,977	4,977	4,977	0		
POSTAGE	10,240	10,669	10,425	10,425	11,975	1,550		
PRINTING	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0		
SUPPLIES	5,106	4,572	5,000	5,000	5,000	0		
BAD DEBT	10,665	191	500	2,000	2,000	0		
COPIER/PRINTER LEASE	11,690	10,132	10,500	10,500	10,500	0		
TOTAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	218,178	208,271	218,240	221,793	244,889	23,096		

WATER FUND	FY 2023 AUDITED	FY 2024 AUDITED	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2025 AMENDED BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET	VARIANCE FY26 BUDGET TO FY25 AMENDED	FY 2026 BUDGET NOTES
<u>DISTRIBUTION SERVICES</u>							
UTILITIES	174,020	168,897	180,000	170,000	170,000	0	Based on trending increase
CHEMICALS	13,945	8,077	9,000	11,000	12,000	1,000	
GASOLINE	7,212	6,826	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION SERVICES	195,176	183,800	199,000	191,000	192,000	1,000	
<u>MAINTENANCE SERVICES</u>							
SMALL HAND TOOLS	539	1,588	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	Utilities Quick Response Trailer
EQUIPMENT/MAINTENANCE	10,458	11,937	15,000	15,000	17,000	2,000	
VEHICLE MAINT/REPAIRS	9,064	8,466	10,000	12,000	12,000	0	break out maint for Valves, Pipes, Clamps, etc. Chlorine Bottle Scale
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	1,132	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	
DISTRIBUTION MAINT & REPAIRS					20,000	20,000	
PLANT/OPS - MAINT & REPAIRS	100,871	59,188	60,000	60,000	61,597	1,597	
CONTINGENCY	806	1,549	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES	122,871	82,729	90,000	92,000	115,597	23,597	
<u>COMPLIANCE SERVICES</u>							
TCEQ REQUIRED TESTING	8,247	9,710	13,000	13,000	12,000	(1,000)	
EAA MGMT FEES	54,901	57,516	57,516	58,824	59,000	176	
TRINITY GWCD FEE	12,120	9,198	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	
TOTAL COMPLIANCE SERVICES	75,268	76,424	85,516	86,824	86,000	(824)	
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>							
PRINCIPLE ON DEBT SVC	482,700	492,000	505,600	505,600	526,400	20,800	
INTEREST ON DEBT SVC	149,045	136,484	154,826	154,826	138,695	(16,131)	
AGENT FEES	1,285	1,502	1,502	1,502	1,502	0	
PRINCIPLE SIB LOAN (TXDOT)	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	0	
INTEREST SIB LOAN (TXDOT)	4,610	7,035	6,499	6,499	5,963	(536)	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	677,639	677,021	708,427	708,427	712,560	4,133	
<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</u>							
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		0	240,000	240,000	240,000	0	1 GROUND STORAGE TANK REHAB
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		0	0	0	43,000	43,000	RENOVATE OLD PUBLIC WORKS BLDG AS UTILITIES
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0	107,274	867,000	867,000	660,000	(207,000)	VISTA RIDGE TIE-IN
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	107,274	1,107,000	1,107,000	943,000	(164,000)	
TOTAL WATER COMPANY	1,847,265	1,911,393	3,217,625	3,180,648	3,155,100	(25,548)	

Debt



Government Wide Debt

Bond Series 2012 - 56% General Fund – 44% Water Fund

PMT DATE	PRINCIPLE	INTEREST	TTL P+I	FY ENDING 9/30 DEBT SERVICE	FY 9/30 BOND PRINCIPLE BALANCE
BOND PRINCIPLE					5,985,000
2/15/2026	355,000	42,831	397,831		2,365,000
8/15/2026		37,506	37,506	435,337	2,365,000
2/15/2027	365,000	37,506	402,506		2,000,000
8/15/2027		32,031	32,031	434,537	2,000,000
2/15/2028	375,000	32,031	407,031		1,625,000
8/15/2028		26,406	26,406	433,437	1,625,000
2/15/2029	385,000	26,406	411,406		1,240,000
8/15/2029		20,150	20,150	431,556	1,240,000
2/15/2030	400,000	20,150	420,150		840,000
8/15/2030		13,650	13,650	433,800	840,000
2/15/2031	415,000	13,650	428,650		425,000
8/16/2031		6,906	6,906	435,556	425,000
2/16/2032	425,000	6,906	431,906	431,906	0
TOTALS	5,985,000	2,058,344	8,043,344	8,043,344	0

Bond Series 2012R – 100% General Fund

Paid in Full as of FY 2025

Bond Series 2015 – 58% General Fund – 42% Water

PMT DATE	PRINCIPLE	INTEREST	TTL P+I	FY ENDING 9/30 DEBT SERVICE	FY 9/30 BOND PRINCIPLE BALANCE
BOND PRINCIPLE					6,275,000
2/15/2026	310,000	75,000	385,000		3,440,000
8/15/2026		68,800	68,800	453,800	3,440,000
2/15/2027	325,000	68,800	393,800		3,115,000
8/15/2027		62,300	62,300	456,100	3,115,000
2/15/2028	340,000	62,300	402,300		2,775,000
8/15/2028		55,500	55,500	457,800	2,775,000
2/15/2029	350,000	55,500	405,500		2,425,000
8/15/2029		48,500	48,500	454,000	2,425,000
2/15/2030	365,000	48,500	413,500		2,060,000
8/15/2030		41,200	41,200	454,700	2,060,000
2/15/2031	380,000	41,200	421,200		1,680,000
8/15/2031		33,600	33,600	454,800	1,680,000
2/15/2032	395,000	33,600	428,600		1,285,000
8/15/2032		25,700	25,700	454,300	1,285,000
2/15/2033	410,000	25,700	435,700		875,000
8/15/2033		17,500	17,500	453,200	875,000
2/15/2034	430,000	17,500	447,500		445,000
8/15/2034		8,900	8,900	456,400	445,000
2/15/2035	445,000	8,900	453,900	453,900	0
TOTALS	6,275,000	2,690,969	8,965,969	8,965,969	0

Bond Series 2017 – 100% Water

PMT DATE	PRINCIPLE	INTEREST	TTL P+I	FY ENDING 9/30 DEBT SERVICE	FY 9/30 BOND PRINCIPLE BALANCE
BOND PRINCIPLE					2,620,000
2/15/2026	240,000	23,275	263,275		1,045,000
8/15/2026		19,675	19,675	282,950	1,045,000
2/15/2027	245,000	19,675	264,675		800,000
8/15/2027		16,000	16,000	280,675	800,000
2/15/2028	255,000	16,000	271,000		545,000
8/15/2028		10,900	10,900	281,900	545,000
2/15/2029	265,000	10,900	275,900		280,000
8/15/2029		5,600	5,600	281,500	280,000
2/15/2030	280,000	5,600	285,600	285,600	0
TOTALS	2,620,000	680,058	3,300,058	3,300,058	0

SIB Loan – 100% Water

PMT DATE	PRINCIPLE	INTEREST	TTL P+I	FY ENDING 02/2036 DEBT SERVICE	FY 11/21 BOND PRINCIPLE BALANCE
BOND PRINCIPLE					620,000
2/15/2026	40,000.00	3,115.50	43,115.50		425,000
8/15/2026	-	2,847.50	2,847.50	45,963.00	425,000
2/15/2027	40,000.00	2,847.50	42,847.50		385,000
8/15/2027	-	2,579.50	2,579.50	45,427.00	385,000
2/16/2028	40,000.00	2,579.50	42,579.50		345,000
8/15/2028	-	2,311.50	2,311.50	44,891.00	345,000
2/15/2029	40,000.00	2,311.50	42,311.50		305,000
8/15/2029	-	2,043.50	2,043.50	44,355.00	305,000
2/15/2030	40,000.00	2,043.50	42,043.50		265,000
8/15/2030	-	1,775.50	1,775.50	43,819.00	265,000
2/15/2031	40,000.00	1,775.50	41,775.50		225,000
8/15/2031	-	1,507.50	1,507.50	43,283.00	225,000
2/16/2032	45,000.00	1,507.50	46,507.50		180,000
8/15/2032	-	1,206.00	1,206.00	47,713.50	180,000
2/15/2033	45,000.00	1,206.00	46,206.00		135,000
8/15/2033	-	904.50	904.50	47,110.50	135,000
2/15/2034	45,000.00	904.50	45,904.50		90,000
8/16/2034	-	603.00	603.00	46,507.50	90,000
2/16/2035	45,000.00	603.00	45,603.00		45,000
8/16/2035	-	301.50	301.50	45,904.50	45,000
2/16/2036	45,000.00	301.50	45,301.50	45,301.50	-
TOTALS	620,000.00	53,419.10	673,419.10	673,419.10	-

FY 2026 Debt Obligations

FY 2026 General Fund Debt Payments - Bonds

GOVERNMENTAL

PMT DATE	Principle	Interest	Total Pmt	Annual Total
2/15/2026	378,600	67,485	446,085	
8/15/2026	0	60,907	60,907	506,993

FY 2026 Water Fund Debt Payments - Bonds

PROPRIETARY

PMT DATE	Principle	Interest	Total Pmt	Annual Total
2/15/2026	526,400	73,621	600,021	
8/15/2026	0	65,074	65,074	665,094

FY 2026 Water Fund Debt Payments – SIB Loan

PROPRIETARY

PMT DATE	Principle	Interest	Total Pmt	Annual Total
2/15/2026	40,000.00	3,115.50	43,115.50	
8/15/2026	-	2,847.50	2,847.50	45,963.00

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NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78130

JEFFREY J. BOOKER
CHIEF APPRAISER

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COMAL

PROPERTY TAX CODE, SECTION 26.01 (a)

CERTIFICATION OF APPRAISAL ROLL FOR: CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE

I, Jeffrey J. Booker, Chief Appraiser of the Comal Appraisal District, do solemnly swear that I have made or caused to be made a diligent inquiry to ascertain all property in the district subject to appraisal by me and that I have included in the records all property I am aware of, at an appraised value determined as required by law. I, Jeffrey J. Booker, do hereby certify the following values are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

2025 Taxable Value	\$1,081,156,887
2025 Taxable Value Under Protest	180,551,301
2025 Estimate of Taxable Value of Protests After Completion per § 26.01(c)	171,500,866
2025 Certified Taxable Value Excluding Protests	900,605,586

The above values should be used in accordance with the TNT process to calculate the 2025 tax rate. You may receive a supplemental roll later with additional value remaining after the Appraisal Review Board completes its hearings.

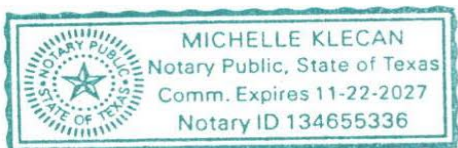
Please remember that the certified values are subject to change resulting from Appraisal Review Board action, correction of clerical errors, and granting of late homestead exemptions.


Approval of the appraisal records by the Comal Appraisal Review Board has not yet occurred.



Jeffrey J. Booker
Chief Appraiser

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of July 2025.





Notary Public County of Comal

2025 CERTIFIED TOTALS

Property Count: 1,820

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Land		Value		
Homesite:		232,705,541		
Non Homesite:		72,699,073		
Ag Market:		32,634,126		
Timber Market:		0	Total Land	(+) 338,038,740
Improvement		Value		
Homesite:		716,433,427		
Non Homesite:		93,068,675	Total Improvements	(+) 809,502,102
Non Real		Count	Value	
Personal Property:	208		97,717,870	
Mineral Property:	1		2,803,220	
Autos:	1		35,250	
			Total Non Real	(+) 100,556,340
			Market Value	= 1,248,097,182
Ag		Non Exempt	Exempt	
Total Productivity Market:	32,634,126		0	
Ag Use:	82,613		0	Productivity Loss (-) 32,551,513
Timber Use:	0		0	Appraised Value = 1,215,545,669
Productivity Loss:	32,551,513		0	
			Homestead Cap	(-) 6,889,986
			23.231 Cap	(-) 3,944,734
			Assessed Value	= 1,204,710,949
			Total Exemptions Amount	(-) 304,105,363
			(Breakdown on Next Page)	
			Net Taxable	= 900,605,586

APPROXIMATE TOTAL LEVY = NET TAXABLE * (TAX RATE / 100)
 2,297,949.19 = 900,605,586 * (0.255158 / 100)

Certified Estimate of Market Value: 1,248,097,182
 Certified Estimate of Taxable Value: 900,605,586

Tax Increment Finance Value: 0
 Tax Increment Finance Levy: 0.00

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Exemption Breakdown

Exemption	Count	Local	State	Total
DV1	18	0	174,000	174,000
DV1S	2	0	5,000	5,000
DV2	31	0	235,500	235,500
DV2S	1	0	0	0
DV3	49	0	446,000	446,000
DV3S	2	0	0	0
DV4	245	0	1,320,000	1,320,000
DV4S	15	0	72,000	72,000
DVHS	318	0	245,167,557	245,167,557
DVHSS	21	0	14,057,250	14,057,250
EX	3	0	528,600	528,600
EX-XV	31	0	37,207,167	37,207,167
EX366	29	0	27,330	27,330
FR	1	0	0	0
LVE	1	0	0	0
PC	4	3,648,170	0	3,648,170
SO	24	1,216,789	0	1,216,789
Totals		4,864,959	299,240,404	304,105,363

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Land		Value			
Homesite:		39,843,410			
Non Homesite:		9,222,880			
Ag Market:		4,738,791			
Timber Market:		0			
				Total Land	(+) 53,805,081
Improvement		Value			
Homesite:		121,917,138			
Non Homesite:		14,103,498			
				Total Improvements	(+) 136,020,636
Non Real		Count	Value		
Personal Property:		9	110,730		
Mineral Property:		0	0		
Autos:		0	0		
				Total Non Real	(+) 110,730
				Market Value	= 189,936,447
Ag	Non Exempt	Exempt			
Total Productivity Market:	4,738,791	0			
Ag Use:	7,664	0		Productivity Loss	(-) 4,731,127
Timber Use:	0	0		Appraised Value	= 185,205,320
Productivity Loss:	4,731,127	0			
				Homestead Cap	(-) 2,530,577
				23.231 Cap	(-) 0
				Assessed Value	= 182,674,743
				Total Exemptions Amount	(-) 2,123,442
				(Breakdown on Next Page)	
				Net Taxable	= 180,551,301

APPROXIMATE TOTAL LEVY = NET TAXABLE * (TAX RATE / 100)
 460,687.48 = 180,551,301 * (0.255156 / 100)

Certified Estimate of Market Value:	181,853,931
Certified Estimate of Taxable Value:	171,500,866
Tax Increment Finance Value:	0
Tax Increment Finance Levy:	0.00

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Exemption	Count	Local	State	Total
DV1	3	0	22,000	22,000
DV2	8	0	75,000	75,000
DV3	8	0	82,000	82,000
DV4	18	0	204,000	204,000
DV4S	1	0	12,000	12,000
DVHS	2	0	1,433,160	1,433,160
EX366	1	0	2,370	2,370
SO	7	292,912	0	292,912
	Totals	292,912	1,830,530	2,123,442

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Land		Value			
Homesite:		272,548,951			
Non Homesite:		81,921,953			
Ag Market:		37,372,917			
Timber Market:		0	Total Land	(+)	391,843,821
Improvement		Value			
Homesite:		838,350,565			
Non Homesite:		107,172,173	Total Improvements	(+)	945,522,738
Non Real		Count	Value		
Personal Property:	217		97,828,600		
Mineral Property:	1		2,803,220		
Autos:	1		35,250		
			Total Non Real	(+)	100,667,070
			Market Value	=	1,438,033,629
Ag		Non Exempt	Exempt		
Total Productivity Market:	37,372,917		0		
Ag Use:	90,277		0	Productivity Loss	(-) 37,282,640
Timber Use:	0		0	Appraised Value	= 1,400,750,989
Productivity Loss:	37,282,640		0		
			Homestead Cap	(-) 9,420,563	
			23.231 Cap	(-) 3,944,734	
			Assessed Value	= 1,387,385,692	
			Total Exemptions Amount	(-) 306,228,805	
			(Breakdown on Next Page)		
			Net Taxable	= 1,081,156,887	

APPROXIMATE TOTAL LEVY = NET TAXABLE * (TAX RATE / 100)
 2,758,636.67 = 1,081,156,887 * (0.255156 / 100)

Certified Estimate of Market Value: 1,429,951,113
 Certified Estimate of Taxable Value: 1,072,106,452

Tax Increment Finance Value: 0
 Tax Increment Finance Levy: 0.00

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Exemption	Count	Local	State	Total
DV1	21	0	196,000	196,000
DV1S	2	0	5,000	5,000
DV2	39	0	310,500	310,500
DV2S	1	0	0	0
DV3	57	0	528,000	528,000
DV3S	2	0	0	0
DV4	263	0	1,524,000	1,524,000
DV4S	16	0	84,000	84,000
DVHS	320	0	246,600,717	246,600,717
DVHSS	21	0	14,057,250	14,057,250
EX	3	0	528,600	528,600
EX-XV	31	0	37,207,167	37,207,167
EX366	30	0	29,700	29,700
FR	1	0	0	0
LVE	1	0	0	0
PC	4	3,648,170	0	3,648,170
SO	31	1,509,701	0	1,509,701
Totals		5,157,871	301,070,934	306,228,805

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State Category Breakdown

State Code	Description	Count	Acres	New Value	Market Value	Taxable Value
A	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE	1,385	1,389.8232	\$3,174,090	\$999,062,787	\$729,382,842
B	MULTIFAMILY RESIDENCE	1	1.1080	\$0	\$286,208	\$286,208
C1	VACANT LOTS AND LAND TRACTS	115	483.4028	\$0	\$16,316,514	\$16,186,373
D1	QUALIFIED AG LAND	31	934.9410	\$0	\$32,634,126	\$81,964
D2	NON-QUALIFIED LAND	5		\$0	\$97,986	\$97,991
E	FARM OR RANCH IMPROVEMENT	15	323.7497	\$0	\$7,290,642	\$7,036,496
F1	COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY	28	162.8534	\$0	\$38,443,663	\$37,558,975
F2	INDUSTRIAL REAL PROPERTY	22	746.9880	\$0	\$16,190,159	\$13,611,208
J2	GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	1		\$0	\$1,187,890	\$1,187,890
J4	TELEPHONE COMPANY (INCLUDI	5		\$0	\$523,180	\$523,180
J5	RAILROAD	1		\$0	\$2,447,690	\$2,447,690
J7	CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY	2		\$0	\$330,550	\$330,550
L1	COMMERCIAL PERSONAL PROPE	147		\$0	\$13,311,050	\$13,311,050
L2	INDUSTRIAL PERSONAL PROPERT	22		\$0	\$82,200,050	\$78,551,880
M1	TANGIBLE OTHER PERSONAL, MOB	1		\$0	\$11,590	\$11,289
X	TOTALLY EXEMPT PROPERTY	64	126.1169	\$1,536,050	\$37,763,097	\$0
	Totals		4,168.9830	\$4,710,140	\$1,248,097,182	\$900,605,586

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State Category Breakdown

State Code	Description	Count	Acres	New Value	Market Value	Taxable Value
A	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE	234	250.6065	\$1,219,610	\$171,825,036	\$167,870,787
C1	VACANT LOTS AND LAND TRACTS	2	5.4300	\$0	\$827,250	\$827,250
D1	QUALIFIED AG LAND	7	86.2365	\$0	\$4,738,791	\$9,296
D2	NON-QUALIFIED LAND	2		\$0	\$27,770	\$27,746
E	FARM OR RANCH IMPROVEMENT	5	7.6208	\$0	\$4,023,860	\$3,324,852
F1	COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY	5	15.2140	\$138,530	\$8,166,360	\$8,166,360
L1	COMMERCIAL PERSONAL PROPE	8		\$0	\$108,360	\$108,360
O	RESIDENTIAL INVENTORY	2	1.7200	\$0	\$216,650	\$216,650
X	TOTALLY EXEMPT PROPERTY	1		\$0	\$2,370	\$0
	Totals		366.8278	\$1,358,140	\$189,936,447	\$180,551,301

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State Category Breakdown

State Code	Description	Count	Acres	New Value	Market Value	Taxable Value
A	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE	1,619	1,640.4297	\$4,393,700	\$1,170,887,823	\$897,253,629
B	MULTIFAMILY RESIDENCE	1	1.1080	\$0	\$286,208	\$286,208
C1	VACANT LOTS AND LAND TRACTS	117	488.8328	\$0	\$17,143,764	\$17,013,623
D1	QUALIFIED AG LAND	38	1,021.1775	\$0	\$37,372,917	\$91,260
D2	NON-QUALIFIED LAND	7		\$0	\$125,756	\$125,737
E	FARM OR RANCH IMPROVEMENT	20	331.3705	\$0	\$11,314,502	\$10,361,348
F1	COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY	33	178.0674	\$138,530	\$46,610,023	\$45,725,335
F2	INDUSTRIAL REAL PROPERTY	22	746.9880	\$0	\$16,190,159	\$13,611,208
J2	GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	1		\$0	\$1,187,890	\$1,187,890
J4	TELEPHONE COMPANY (INCLUDI	5		\$0	\$523,180	\$523,180
J5	RAILROAD	1		\$0	\$2,447,690	\$2,447,690
J7	CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY	2		\$0	\$330,550	\$330,550
L1	COMMERCIAL PERSONAL PROPE	155		\$0	\$13,419,410	\$13,419,410
L2	INDUSTRIAL PERSONAL PROPERT	22		\$0	\$82,200,050	\$78,551,880
M1	TANGIBLE OTHER PERSONAL, MOB	1		\$0	\$11,590	\$11,289
O	RESIDENTIAL INVENTORY	2	1.7200	\$0	\$216,650	\$216,650
X	TOTALLY EXEMPT PROPERTY	65	126.1169	\$1,536,050	\$37,765,467	\$0
	Totals		4,535.8108	\$6,068,280	\$1,438,033,629	\$1,081,156,887

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CAD State Category Breakdown

State Code Description	Count	Acres	New Value	Market Value	Taxable Value
A1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE	1,370	1,362.9353	\$3,106,580	\$995,970,878	\$727,413,293
A2 MH & LAND-SAME OWNER	1	0.7166	\$0	\$161,320	\$73,650
A3 AUXILIARY IMPROVEMENT	12	19.0152	\$67,510	\$1,540,119	\$1,437,219
A6 VACANT LAND IN HOMESTEAD GRO	6	7.1561	\$0	\$1,390,670	\$458,680
B2 MULTIFAMILY-DUPLEX	1	1.1080	\$0	\$286,208	\$286,208
C1 VACANT LOTS & TRACTS	115	483.4028	\$0	\$16,316,514	\$16,186,373
D1 QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL LAND	31	934.9410	\$0	\$32,634,126	\$81,964
D2 AG IMPTS ON QUALIFIED AG LAND	5		\$0	\$97,986	\$97,991
E1 RESIDENTIAL IMPTS ON LARGE NON	9	12.9467	\$0	\$3,736,333	\$3,736,977
E2 MANUFACTURED HOUSING ON LAR	1	0.2500	\$0	\$38,810	\$38,810
E3 AUXILIARY IMPTS ON LARGE NON Q	3	0.2500	\$0	\$333,462	\$333,462
E4 LARGE VACANT NON QUALIFYING L	5	310.3030	\$0	\$3,182,037	\$2,927,247
F1 COMMERCIAL IMPROVED	26	131.7664	\$0	\$34,716,166	\$33,831,478
F2 INDUSTRIAL IMPROVED	22	746.9880	\$0	\$16,190,159	\$13,611,208
F4 AUXILIARY IMPRV COMM HBU LAND	2	31.0870	\$0	\$3,727,497	\$3,727,497
J2 GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS	1		\$0	\$1,187,890	\$1,187,890
J4 TELEPHONE COMPANIES AND TEL C	5		\$0	\$523,180	\$523,180
J5 RAILROAD	1		\$0	\$2,447,690	\$2,447,690
J7 CABLE COMPANIES	2		\$0	\$330,550	\$330,550
L1 PERSONAL PROPERTY: COMMERCIA	147		\$0	\$13,311,050	\$13,311,050
L2C Conversion	6		\$0	\$25,527,000	\$25,527,000
L2D Conversion	1		\$0	\$204,190	\$0
L2G Conversion	10		\$0	\$55,703,300	\$52,259,320
L2J Conversion	1		\$0	\$8,940	\$8,940
L2P Conversion	2		\$0	\$181,620	\$181,620
L2Q Conversion	2		\$0	\$575,000	\$575,000
M1 MOBILE HOME WITH NO LAND	1		\$0	\$11,590	\$11,289
X	64	126.1169	\$1,536,050	\$37,763,097	\$0
Totals		4,168.9830	\$4,710,140	\$1,248,097,182	\$900,605,586

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State Code	Description	Count	Acres	New Value	Market Value	Taxable Value
A1	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE	230	239.7281	\$1,219,610	\$170,631,256	\$166,679,212
A2	MH & LAND-SAME OWNER	1	3.0460	\$0	\$310,620	\$310,620
A3	AUXILIARY IMPROVEMENT	3	5.5000	\$0	\$504,570	\$504,570
A6	VACANT LAND IN HOMESTEAD GRO	2	2.3324	\$0	\$378,590	\$376,385
C1	VACANT LOTS & TRACTS	2	5.4300	\$0	\$827,250	\$827,250
D1	QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL LAND	7	86.2365	\$0	\$4,738,791	\$9,296
D2	AG IMPTS ON QUALIFIED AG LAND	2		\$0	\$27,770	\$27,746
E1	RESIDENTIAL IMPTS ON LARGE NON	4	4.4508	\$0	\$3,578,670	\$2,879,662
E3	AUXILIARY IMPTS ON LARGE NON Q	1	3.1700	\$0	\$445,190	\$445,190
F1	COMMERCIAL IMPROVED	5	15.2140	\$138,530	\$8,166,360	\$8,166,360
L1	PERSONAL PROPERTY: COMMERCIA	8		\$0	\$108,360	\$108,360
O1	RESIDENTIAL INVENTORY	2	1.7200	\$0	\$216,650	\$216,650
X		1		\$0	\$2,370	\$0
Totals			366.8278	\$1,358,140	\$189,936,447	\$180,551,301

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State Code	Description	Count	Acres	New Value	Market Value	Taxable Value
A1	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE	1,600	1,602.6634	\$4,326,190	\$1,166,601,934	\$894,092,505
A2	MH & LAND-SAME OWNER	2	3.7626	\$0	\$471,940	\$384,270
A3	AUXILIARY IMPROVEMENT	15	24.5152	\$67,510	\$2,044,689	\$1,941,789
A6	VACANT LAND IN HOMESTEAD GRO	8	9.4885	\$0	\$1,769,260	\$835,065
B2	MULTIFAMILY-DUPLEX	1	1.1080	\$0	\$286,208	\$286,208
C1	VACANT LOTS & TRACTS	117	488.8328	\$0	\$17,143,764	\$17,013,623
D1	QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL LAND	38	1,021.1775	\$0	\$37,372,917	\$91,260
D2	AG IMPTS ON QUALIFIED AG LAND	7		\$0	\$125,756	\$125,737
E1	RESIDENTIAL IMPTS ON LARGE NON	13	17.3975	\$0	\$7,315,003	\$6,616,639
E2	MANUFACTURED HOUSING ON LAR	1	0.2500	\$0	\$38,810	\$38,810
E3	AUXILIARY IMPTS ON LARGE NON Q	4	3.4200	\$0	\$778,652	\$778,652
E4	LARGE VACANT NON QUALIFYING L	5	310.3030	\$0	\$3,182,037	\$2,927,247
F1	COMMERCIAL IMPROVED	31	146.9804	\$138,530	\$42,882,526	\$41,997,838
F2	INDUSTRIAL IMPROVED	22	746.9880	\$0	\$16,190,159	\$13,611,208
F4	AUXILIARY IMPRV COMM HBU LAND	2	31.0870	\$0	\$3,727,497	\$3,727,497
J2	GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS	1		\$0	\$1,187,890	\$1,187,890
J4	TELEPHONE COMPANIES AND TEL C	5		\$0	\$523,180	\$523,180
J5	RAILROAD	1		\$0	\$2,447,690	\$2,447,690
J7	CABLE COMPANIES	2		\$0	\$330,550	\$330,550
L1	PERSONAL PROPERTY: COMMERCIA	155		\$0	\$13,419,410	\$13,419,410
L2C	Conversion	6		\$0	\$25,527,000	\$25,527,000
L2D	Conversion	1		\$0	\$204,190	\$0
L2G	Conversion	10		\$0	\$55,703,300	\$52,259,320
L2J	Conversion	1		\$0	\$8,940	\$8,940
L2P	Conversion	2		\$0	\$181,620	\$181,620
L2Q	Conversion	2		\$0	\$575,000	\$575,000
M1	MOBILE HOME WITH NO LAND	1		\$0	\$11,590	\$11,289
O1	RESIDENTIAL INVENTORY	2	1.7200	\$0	\$216,650	\$216,650
X		65	126.1169	\$1,536,050	\$37,765,467	\$0
	Totals		4,535.8108	\$6,068,280	\$1,438,033,629	\$1,081,156,887

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Effective Rate Assumption

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New Value

TOTAL NEW VALUE MARKET: \$6,068,280
 TOTAL NEW VALUE TAXABLE: \$4,217,210

New Exemptions

Exemption	Description	Count	2024 Market Value	Exemption Amount
EX368	HOUSE BILL 368	8		\$11,650
ABSOLUTE EXEMPTIONS VALUE LOSS				\$11,650

Exemption	Description	Count	Exemption Amount
DV3	Disabled Veterans 50% - 69%	5	\$52,000
DV4	Disabled Veterans 70% - 100%	6	\$48,000
DV4S	Disabled Veterans Surviving Spouse 70% - 100	1	\$0
DVHS	Disabled Veteran Homestead	1	\$794,158
PARTIAL EXEMPTIONS VALUE LOSS			\$894,158
NEW EXEMPTIONS VALUE LOSS			\$905,808

Increased Exemptions

Exemption	Description	Count	Increased Exemption Amount
INCREASED EXEMPTIONS VALUE LOSS			
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS VALUE LOSS			\$905,808

New Ag / Timber Exemptions

New Annexations

New Deannexations

Average Homestead Value

Category A and E

Count of HS Residences	Average Market	Average HS Exemption	Average Taxable
1,483	\$727,923	\$6,352	\$721,571
Category A Only			

Count of HS Residences	Average Market	Average HS Exemption	Average Taxable
1,476	\$726,976	\$5,910	\$721,066

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Lower Value Used

Count of Protested Properties	Total Market Value	Total Value Used
260	\$189,936,447.00	\$171,500,866

2025 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet

Taxing Units Other Than School Districts or Water Districts

Form 50-856

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE

Taxing Unit Name

210-651-6632

Phone (area code and number)

9400 MUNICIPAL PARKWAY, GARDEN RIDGE, TX, 78266

Taxing Unit's Address, City, State, ZIP Code

WWW.CI.GARDEN-RIDGE.TX.US

Taxing Unit's Website Address

GENERAL INFORMATION: Tax Code Section 26.04(c) requires an officer or employee designated by the governing body to calculate the no-new-revenue (NNR) tax rate and voter-approval tax rate for the taxing unit. These tax rates are expressed in dollars per \$100 of taxable value calculated. The calculation process starts after the chief appraiser delivers to the taxing unit the certified appraisal roll and the estimated values of properties under protest. The designated officer or employee shall certify that the officer or employee has accurately calculated the tax rates and used values shown for the certified appraisal roll or certified estimate. The officer or employee submits the rates to the governing body by Aug. 7 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

School districts do not use this form, but instead use Comptroller Form 50-859 *Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet, School District without Chapter 313 Agreements* or Comptroller Form 50-884 *Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet, School District with Chapter 313 Agreements*.

Water districts as defined under Water Code Section 49.001(1) do not use this form, but instead use Comptroller Form 50-858 *Water District Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet for Low Tax Rate and Developing Districts* or Comptroller Form 50-860 *Developed Water District Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet*.

The Comptroller's office provides this worksheet to assist taxing units in determining tax rates. The information provided in this worksheet is offered as technical assistance and not legal advice. Taxing units should consult legal counsel for interpretations of law regarding tax rate preparation and adoption.

SECTION 1: No-New-Revenue Tax Rate

The NNR tax rate enables the public to evaluate the relationship between taxes for the prior year and for the current year based on a tax rate that would produce the same amount of taxes (no new taxes) if applied to the same properties that are taxed in both years. When appraisal values increase, the NNR tax rate should decrease.

The NNR tax rate for a county is the sum of the NNR tax rates calculated for each type of tax the county levies.

While uncommon, it is possible for a taxing unit to provide an exemption for only maintenance and operations taxes. In this case, the taxing unit will need to calculate the NNR tax rate separately for the maintenance and operations tax and the debt tax, then add the two components together.

Line	No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
1.	Prior year total taxable value. Enter the amount of the prior year taxable value on the prior year tax roll today. Include any adjustments since last year's certification; exclude Tax Code Section 25.25(d) one-fourth and one-third over-appraisal corrections from these adjustments. Exclude any property value subject to an appeal under Chapter 42 as of July 25 (will add undisputed value in Line 6). This total includes the taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings (will deduct in Line 2) and the captured value for tax increment financing (adjustment is made by deducting TIF taxes, as reflected in Line 17). ¹	\$ 1,050,941,489
2.	Prior year tax ceilings. Counties, cities and junior college districts. Enter the prior year total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings. These include the homesteads of homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. Other taxing units enter 0. If your taxing unit adopted the tax ceiling provision last year or a prior year for homeowners age 65 or older or disabled, use this step. ²	\$ 0
3.	Preliminary prior year adjusted taxable value. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1.	\$ 1,050,941,489
4.	Prior year total adopted tax rate.	\$ 0.255156 /\$100
5.	Prior year taxable value lost because court appeals of ARB decisions reduced the prior year's appraised value.	
	A. Original prior year ARB values:..... \$ 14,147,598	
	B. Prior year values resulting from final court decisions:..... - \$ 13,029,771	
	C. Prior year value loss. Subtract B from A. ³	\$ 1,117,827
6.	Prior year taxable value subject to an appeal under Chapter 42, as of July 25.	
	A. Prior year ARB certified value:..... \$ 0	
	B. Prior year disputed value:..... - \$ 0	
	C. Prior year undisputed value. Subtract B from A. ⁴	\$ 0
7.	Prior year Chapter 42 related adjusted values. Add Line 5C and Line 6C.	\$ 1,117,827

¹ Tax, Tax Code §26.012(14)

² Tax, Tax Code §26.012(14)

³ Tax, Tax Code §26.012(13)

⁴ Tax, Tax Code §26.012(13)

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8.	Prior year taxable value, adjusted for actual and potential court-ordered adjustments. Add Line 3 and Line 7.	\$ 1,052,059,316
9.	Prior year taxable value of property in territory the taxing unit deannexed after Jan. 1, 2024. Enter the prior year value of property in deannexed territory. ⁵	\$ 0
10.	Prior year taxable value lost because property first qualified for an exemption in the current year. If the taxing unit increased an original exemption, use the difference between the original exempted amount and the increased exempted amount. Do not include value lost due to freeport, goods-in-transit, temporary disaster exemptions. Note that lowering the amount or percentage of an existing exemption in the current year does not create a new exemption or reduce taxable value. A. Absolute exemptions. Use prior year market value: \$ 11,650 B. Partial exemptions. Current year exemption amount or current year percentage exemption times prior year value: + \$ 894,158 C. Value loss. Add A and B. ⁶	\$ 905,808
11.	Prior year taxable value lost because property first qualified for agricultural appraisal (1-d or 1-d-1), timber appraisal, recreational/scenic appraisal or public access airport special appraisal in the current year. Use only properties that qualified for the first time in the current year; do not use properties that qualified in the prior year. A. Prior year market value: \$ 0 B. Current year productivity or special appraised value: - \$ 0 C. Value loss. Subtract B from A. ⁷	\$ 0
12.	Total adjustments for lost value. Add Lines 9, 10C and 11C.	\$ 905,808
13.	Prior year captured value of property in a TIF. Enter the total value of the prior year captured appraised value of property taxable by a taxing unit in a tax increment financing zone for which the prior year taxes were deposited into the tax increment fund. ⁸ If the taxing unit has no captured appraised value in line 18D, enter 0.	\$ 0
14.	Prior year total value. Subtract Line 12 and Line 13 from Line 8.	\$ 1,051,153,508
15.	Adjusted prior year total levy. Multiply Line 4 by Line 14 and divide by \$100.	\$ 2,682,081
16.	Taxes refunded for years preceding the prior tax year. Enter the amount of taxes refunded by the taxing unit for tax years preceding the prior tax year. Types of refunds include court decisions, Tax Code Section 25.25(b) and (c) corrections and Tax Code Section 31.11 payment errors. Do not include refunds for the prior tax year. This line applies only to tax years preceding the prior tax year. ⁹	\$ 25,385
17.	Adjusted prior year levy with refunds and TIF adjustment. Add Lines 15 and 16. ¹⁰	\$ 2,707,466
18.	Total current year taxable value on the current year certified appraisal roll today. This value includes only certified values or certified estimate of values and includes the total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings (will deduct in Line 20). These homesteads include homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. ¹¹ A. Certified values: \$ 900,605,586 B. Counties: Include railroad rolling stock values certified by the Comptroller's office: + \$ 0 C. Pollution control and energy storage system exemption: Deduct the value of property exempted for the current tax year for the first time as pollution control or energy storage system property: - \$ 0 D. Tax increment financing: Deduct the current year captured appraised value of property taxable by a taxing unit in a tax increment financing zone for which the current year taxes will be deposited into the tax increment fund. Do not include any new property value that will be included in Line 23 below. ¹² - \$ 0 E. Total current year value. Add A and B, then subtract C and D.	\$ 900,605,586

⁵ Tax, Tax Code §26.012(15)
⁶ Tax, Tax Code §26.012(15)
⁷ Tax, Tax Code §26.012(15)
⁸ Tax, Tax Code §26.03(c)
⁹ Tax, Tax Code §26.012(13)
¹⁰ Tax, Tax Code §26.012(13)
¹¹ Tax, Tax Code §26.012, 26.04(e-2)
¹² Tax, Tax Code §26.03(c)

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19.	<p>Total value of properties under protest or not included on certified appraisal roll. ¹³</p> <p>A. Current year taxable value of properties under protest. The chief appraiser certifies a list of properties still under ARB protest. The list shows the appraisal district's value and the taxpayer's claimed value, if any, or an estimate of the value if the taxpayer wins. For each of the properties under protest, use the lowest of these values. Enter the total value under protest. ¹⁴..... \$ <u>171,500,866</u></p> <p>B. Current year value of properties not under protest or included on certified appraisal roll. The chief appraiser gives taxing units a list of those taxable properties that the chief appraiser knows about but are not included in the appraisal roll certification. These properties also are not on the list of properties that are still under protest. On this list of properties, the chief appraiser includes the market value, appraised value and exemptions for the preceding year and a reasonable estimate of the market value, appraised value and exemptions for the current year. Use the lower market, appraised or taxable value (as appropriate). Enter the total value of property not on the certified roll. ¹⁵..... + \$ <u>0</u></p> <p>C. Total value under protest or not certified. Add A and B. \$ <u>171,500,866</u></p>	
20.	<p>Current year tax ceilings. Counties, cities and junior colleges enter current year total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings. These include the homesteads of homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. Other taxing units enter 0. If your taxing unit adopted the tax ceiling provision in the prior year or a previous year for homeowners age 65 or older or disabled, use this step. ¹⁶</p>	\$ <u>0</u>
21.	<p>Current year total taxable value. Add Lines 18E and 19C. Subtract Line 20. ¹⁷</p>	\$ <u>1,072,106,452</u>
22.	<p>Total current year taxable value of properties in territory annexed after Jan. 1, of the prior year. Include both real and personal property. Enter the current year value of property in territory annexed. ¹⁸</p>	\$ <u>0</u>
23.	<p>Total current year taxable value of new improvements and new personal property located in new improvements. New means the item was not on the appraisal roll in the prior year. An improvement is a building, structure, fixture or fence erected on or affixed to land. New additions to existing improvements may be included if the appraised value can be determined. New personal property in a new improvement must have been brought into the taxing unit after Jan. 1, of the prior year and be located in a new improvement. New improvements do include property on which a tax abatement agreement has expired for the current year. ¹⁹</p>	\$ <u>4,217,210</u>
24.	<p>Total adjustments to the current year taxable value. Add Lines 22 and 23.</p>	\$ <u>4,217,210</u>
25.	<p>Adjusted current year taxable value. Subtract Line 24 from Line 21.</p>	\$ <u>1,067,889,242</u>
26.	<p>Current year NNR tax rate. Divide Line 17 by Line 25 and multiply by \$100. ²⁰</p>	\$ <u>0.253534</u> /\$100
27.	<p>COUNTIES ONLY. Add together the NNR tax rates for each type of tax the county levies. The total is the current year county NNR tax rate. ²¹</p>	\$ <u>0.000000</u> /\$100

SECTION 2: Voter-Approval Tax Rate

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that a taxing unit may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate. The voter-approval tax rate is split into two separate rates:

- Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Tax Rate:** The M&O portion is the tax rate that is needed to raise the same amount of taxes that the taxing unit levied in the prior year plus the applicable percentage allowed by law. This rate accounts for such things as salaries, utilities and day-to-day operations.
- Debt Rate:** The debt rate includes the debt service necessary to pay the taxing unit's debt payments in the coming year. This rate accounts for principal and interest on bonds and other debt secured by property tax revenue.

The voter-approval tax rate for a county is the sum of the voter-approval tax rates calculated for each type of tax the county levies. In most cases the voter-approval tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate, but occasionally decreases in a taxing unit's debt service will cause the NNR tax rate to be higher than the voter-approval tax rate.

Line	Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
28.	<p>Prior year M&O tax rate. Enter the prior year M&O tax rate.</p>	\$ <u>0.193423</u> /\$100
29.	<p>Prior year taxable value, adjusted for actual and potential court-ordered adjustments. Enter the amount in Line 8 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i>.</p>	\$ <u>1,052,059,316</u>

¹³ Tax, Tax Code §26.01(c) and (d)
¹⁴ Tax, Tax Code §26.01(c)
¹⁵ Tax, Tax Code §26.01(d)
¹⁶ Tax, Tax Code §26.012(5)(B)
¹⁷ Tax, Tax Code §26.012(5)
¹⁸ Tax, Tax Code §26.012(17)
¹⁹ Tax, Tax Code §26.012(17)
²⁰ Tax, Tax Code §26.04(c)
²¹ Tax, Tax Code §26.04(d)

Line	Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
30.	Total prior year M&O levy. Multiply Line 28 by Line 29 and divide by \$100	\$ 2,034,924
31.	Adjusted prior year levy for calculating NNR M&O rate.	
	<p>A. M&O taxes refunded for years preceding the prior tax year. Enter the amount of M&O taxes refunded in the preceding year for taxes before that year. Types of refunds include court decisions, Tax Code Section 25.25(b) and (c) corrections and Tax Code Section 31.11 payment errors. Do not include refunds for tax year 2024. This line applies only to tax years preceding the prior tax year. + \$ 18,910</p> <p>_____ + \$ 18,910</p> <p>B. Prior year taxes in TIF. Enter the amount of taxes paid into the tax increment fund for a reinvestment zone as agreed by the taxing unit. If the taxing unit has no current year captured appraised value in Line 18D, enter 0. 0</p> <p>_____ - \$ _____</p> <p>C. Prior year transferred function. If discontinuing all of a department, function or activity and transferring it to another taxing unit by written contract, enter the amount spent by the taxing unit discontinuing the function in the 12 months preceding the month of this calculation. If the taxing unit did not operate this function for this 12-month period, use the amount spent in the last full fiscal year in which the taxing unit operated the function. The taxing unit discontinuing the function will subtract this amount in D below. The taxing unit receiving the function will add this amount in D below. Other taxing units enter 0. +/- \$ _____</p> <p>_____ +/- \$ _____</p> <p>D. Prior year M&O levy adjustments. Subtract B from A. For taxing unit with C, subtract if discontinuing function and add if receiving function. 18,910</p> <p>_____ \$ _____</p> <p>E. Add Line 30 to 31D.</p>	\$ 2,053,834
32.	Adjusted current year taxable value. Enter the amount in Line 25 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,067,889,242
33.	Current year NNR M&O rate (unadjusted). Divide Line 31E by Line 32 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.192326 /\$100
34.	Rate adjustment for state criminal justice mandate. ²³	
	<p>A. Current year state criminal justice mandate. Enter the amount spent by a county in the previous 12 months providing for the maintenance and operation cost of keeping inmates in county-paid facilities after they have been sentenced. Do not include any state reimbursement received by the county for the same purpose. \$ 0</p> <p>_____ \$ 0</p> <p>B. Prior year state criminal justice mandate. Enter the amount spent by a county in the 12 months prior to the previous 12 months providing for the maintenance and operation cost of keeping inmates in county-paid facilities after they have been sentenced. Do not include any state reimbursement received by the county for the same purpose. Enter zero if this is the first time the mandate applies. - \$ 0</p> <p>_____ - \$ 0</p> <p>C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 32 and multiply by \$100. \$ 0.000000 /\$100</p> <p>_____ \$ 0.000000 /\$100</p> <p>D. Enter the rate calculated in C. If not applicable, enter 0.</p>	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
35.	Rate adjustment for indigent health care expenditures. ²⁴	
	<p>A. Current year indigent health care expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a taxing unit providing for the maintenance and operation cost of providing indigent health care for the period beginning on July 1, of the prior tax year and ending on June 30, of the current tax year, less any state assistance received for the same purpose. \$ 0</p> <p>_____ \$ 0</p> <p>B. Prior year indigent health care expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a taxing unit providing for the maintenance and operation cost of providing indigent health care for the period beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024, less any state assistance received for the same purpose. - \$ 0</p> <p>_____ - \$ 0</p> <p>C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 32 and multiply by \$100. \$ 0.000000 /\$100</p> <p>_____ \$ 0.000000 /\$100</p> <p>D. Enter the rate calculated in C. If not applicable, enter 0.</p>	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

²³ (Reserved for expansion)
²⁴ Tax. Tax Code §26.044
²⁵ Tax. Tax Code §26.0441

Line	Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
36.	<p>Rate adjustment for county indigent defense compensation. ²⁵</p> <p>A. Current year indigent defense compensation expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a county to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals and fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure for the period beginning on July 1, of the prior tax year and ending on June 30, of the current tax year, less any state grants received by the county for the same purpose..... \$ 0</p> <p>B. Prior year indigent defense compensation expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a county to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals and fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure for the period beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024, less any state grants received by the county for the same purpose..... \$ 0</p> <p>C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 32 and multiply by \$100..... \$ 0.000000 /\$100</p> <p>D. Multiply B by 0.05 and divide by Line 32 and multiply by \$100..... \$ 0.000000 /\$100</p> <p>E. Enter the lesser of C and D. If not applicable, enter 0.</p>	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
37.	<p>Rate adjustment for county hospital expenditures. ²⁶</p> <p>A. Current year eligible county hospital expenditures. Enter the amount paid by the county or municipality to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital for the period beginning on July 1, of the prior tax year and ending on June 30, of the current tax year..... \$ 0</p> <p>B. Prior year eligible county hospital expenditures. Enter the amount paid by the county or municipality to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital for the period beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023. \$ 0</p> <p>C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 32 and multiply by \$100..... \$ 0.000000 /\$100</p> <p>D. Multiply B by 0.08 and divide by Line 32 and multiply by \$100..... \$ 0.000000 /\$100</p> <p>E. Enter the lesser of C and D, if applicable. If not applicable, enter 0.</p>	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
38.	<p>Rate adjustment for defunding municipality. This adjustment only applies to a municipality that is considered to be a defunding municipality for the current tax year under Chapter 109, Local Government Code. Chapter 109, Local Government Code only applies to municipalities with a population of more than 250,000 and includes a written determination by the Office of the Governor. See Tax Code Section 26.0444 for more information.</p> <p>A. Amount appropriated for public safety in the prior year. Enter the amount of money appropriated for public safety in the budget adopted by the municipality for the preceding fiscal year \$ 0</p> <p>B. Expenditures for public safety in the prior year. Enter the amount of money spent by the municipality for public safety during the preceding fiscal year \$ 0</p> <p>C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 32 and multiply by \$100 \$ 0.000000 /\$100</p> <p>D. Enter the rate calculated in C. If not applicable, enter 0.</p>	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
39.	<p>Adjusted current year NNR M&O rate. Add Lines 33, 34D, 35D, 36E, and 37E. Subtract Line 38D.</p>	\$ 0.192326 /\$100
40.	<p>Adjustment for prior year sales tax specifically to reduce property taxes. Cities, counties and hospital districts that collected and spent additional sales tax on M&O expenses in the prior year should complete this line. These entities will deduct the sales tax gain rate for the current year in Section 3. Other taxing units, enter zero.</p> <p>A. Enter the amount of additional sales tax collected and spent on M&O expenses in the prior year, if any. Counties must exclude any amount that was spent for economic development grants from the amount of sales tax spent..... \$ 0</p> <p>B. Divide Line 40A by Line 32 and multiply by \$100 \$ 0.000000 /\$100</p> <p>C. Add Line 40B to Line 39.</p>	\$ 0.192326 /\$100
41.	<p>Current year voter-approval M&O rate. Enter the rate as calculated by the appropriate scenario below.</p> <p>Special Taxing Unit. If the taxing unit qualifies as a special taxing unit, multiply Line 40C by 1.08.</p> <p>- or -</p> <p>Other Taxing Unit. If the taxing unit does not qualify as a special taxing unit, multiply Line 40C by 1.035.</p>	\$ 0.199057 /\$100

²⁵ Tax. Tax Code §26.0442
²⁶ Tax. Tax Code §26.0443

Line	Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
D41.	<p>Disaster Line 41 (D41): Current year voter-approval M&O rate for taxing unit affected by disaster declaration. If the taxing unit is located in an area declared a disaster area and at least one person is granted an exemption under Tax Code Section 11.35 for property located in the taxing unit, the governing body may direct the person calculating the voter-approval tax rate to calculate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit. The taxing unit shall continue to calculate the voter-approval tax rate in this manner until the earlier of</p> <p>1) the first year in which total taxable value on the certified appraisal roll exceeds the total taxable value of the tax year in which the disaster occurred, or</p> <p>2) the third tax year after the tax year in which the disaster occurred</p> <p>If the taxing unit qualifies under this scenario, multiply Line 40C by 1.08. ²⁷ If the taxing unit does not qualify, do not complete Disaster Line 41 (Line D41).</p>	\$ _____/100
42.	<p>Total current year debt to be paid with property taxes and additional sales tax revenue. Debt means the interest and principal that will be paid on debts that:</p> <p>(1) are paid by property taxes,</p> <p>(2) are secured by property taxes,</p> <p>(3) are scheduled for payment over a period longer than one year, and</p> <p>(4) are not classified in the taxing unit's budget as M&O expenses.</p> <p>A. Debt also includes contractual payments to other taxing units that have incurred debts on behalf of this taxing unit, if those debts meet the four conditions above. Include only amounts that will be paid from property tax revenue. Do not include appraisal district budget payments. If the governing body of a taxing unit authorized or agreed to authorize a bond, warrant, certificate of obligation, or other evidence of indebtedness on or after Sept. 1, 2021, verify if it meets the amended definition of debt before including it here. ²⁸</p> <p>Enter debt amount \$ 507,891</p> <p>B. Subtract unencumbered fund amount used to reduce total debt. - \$ 0</p> <p>C. Subtract certified amount spent from sales tax to reduce debt (enter zero if none) - \$ 0</p> <p>D. Subtract amount paid from other resources - \$ 0</p> <p>E. Adjusted debt. Subtract B, C and D from A. \$ 507,891</p>	\$ 507,891
43.	Certified prior year excess debt collections. Enter the amount certified by the collector. ²⁹	\$ 0
44.	Adjusted current year debt. Subtract Line 43 from Line 42E.	\$ 507,891
45.	<p>Current year anticipated collection rate.</p> <p>A. Enter the current year anticipated collection rate certified by the collector. ³⁰..... 100.00 %</p> <p>B. Enter the prior year actual collection rate..... 98.71 %</p> <p>C. Enter the 2023 actual collection rate. 97.83 %</p> <p>D. Enter the 2022 actual collection rate. 97.82 %</p> <p>E. If the anticipated collection rate in A is lower than actual collection rates in B, C and D, enter the lowest collection rate from B, C and D. If the anticipated rate in A is higher than at least one of the rates in the prior three years, enter the rate from A. Note that the rate can be greater than 100%. ³¹</p> <p style="text-align: right;">100.00 %</p>	100.00 %
46.	Current year debt adjusted for collections. Divide Line 44 by Line 45E.	\$ 507,891
47.	Current year total taxable value. Enter the amount on Line 21 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,072,106,452
48.	Current year debt rate. Divide Line 46 by Line 47 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.047373 /100
49.	Current year voter-approval M&O rate plus current year debt rate. Add Lines 41 and 48.	\$ 0.246430 /100
D49.	<p>Disaster Line 49 (D49): Current year voter-approval tax rate for taxing unit affected by disaster declaration. Complete this line if the taxing unit calculated the voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit on Line D41. Add Line D41 and 48.</p>	\$ _____/100

²⁷ Tax. Tax Code §26.042(a)
²⁸ Tax. Tax Code §26.012(7)
²⁹ Tax. Tax Code §26.012(10) and 26.04(b)
³⁰ Tax. Tax Code §26.04(b)
³¹ Tax. Tax Code §§26.04(f), (h-1) and (h-2)

Line	Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
50.	COUNTIES ONLY. Add together the voter-approval tax rates for each type of tax the county levies. The total is the current year county voter-approval tax rate.	\$ 0.000000 /\$100

SECTION 3: NNR Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate Adjustments for Additional Sales Tax to Reduce Property Taxes

Cities, counties and hospital districts may levy a sales tax specifically to reduce property taxes. Local voters by election must approve imposing or abolishing the additional sales tax. If approved, the taxing unit must reduce its NNR and voter-approval tax rates to offset the expected sales tax revenue.

This section should only be completed by a county, city or hospital district that is required to adjust its NNR tax rate and/or voter-approval tax rate because it adopted the additional sales tax.

Line	Additional Sales and Use Tax Worksheet	Amount/Rate
51.	Taxable Sales. For taxing units that adopted the sales tax in November of the prior tax year or May of the current tax year, enter the Comptroller's estimate of taxable sales for the previous four quarters. ³² Estimates of taxable sales may be obtained through the Comptroller's Allocation Historical Summary webpage. Taxing units that adopted the sales tax before November of the prior year, enter 0.	\$ _____
52.	Estimated sales tax revenue. Counties exclude any amount that is or will be spent for economic development grants from the amount of estimated sales tax revenue. ³³ Taxing units that adopted the sales tax in November of the prior tax year or in May of the current tax year. Multiply the amount on Line 51 by the sales tax rate (.01, .005 or .0025, as applicable) and multiply the result by .95. ³⁴ - or - Taxing units that adopted the sales tax before November of the prior year. Enter the sales tax revenue for the previous four quarters. Do not multiply by .95.	\$ _____
53.	Current year total taxable value. Enter the amount from Line 21 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ _____
54.	Sales tax adjustment rate. Divide Line 52 by Line 53 and multiply by \$100.	\$ _____ /\$100
55.	Current year NNR tax rate, unadjusted for sales tax. ³⁵ Enter the rate from Line 26 or 27, as applicable, on the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ _____ /\$100
56.	Current year NNR tax rate, adjusted for sales tax. Taxing units that adopted the sales tax in November the prior tax year or in May of the current tax year. Subtract Line 54 from Line 55. Skip to Line 57 if you adopted the additional sales tax before November of the prior tax year.	\$ _____ /\$100
57.	Current year voter-approval tax rate, unadjusted for sales tax. ³⁶ Enter the rate from Line 49, Line D49 (disaster) or Line 50 (counties) as applicable, of the <i>Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ _____ /\$100
58.	Current year voter-approval tax rate, adjusted for sales tax. Subtract Line 54 from Line 57.	\$ _____ /\$100

SECTION 4: Voter-Approval Tax Rate Adjustment for Pollution Control

A taxing unit may raise its rate for M&O funds used to pay for a facility, device or method for the control of air, water or land pollution. This includes any land, structure, building, installation, excavation, machinery, equipment or device that is used, constructed, acquired or installed wholly or partly to meet or exceed pollution control requirements. The taxing unit's expenses are those necessary to meet the requirements of a permit issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The taxing unit must provide the tax assessor with a copy of the TCEQ letter of determination that states the portion of the cost of the installation for pollution control.

This section should only be completed by a taxing unit that uses M&O funds to pay for a facility, device or method for the control of air, water or land pollution.

Line	Voter-Approval Rate Adjustment for Pollution Control Requirements Worksheet	Amount/Rate
59.	Certified expenses from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Enter the amount certified in the determination letter from TCEQ. ³⁷ The taxing unit shall provide its tax assessor-collector with a copy of the letter. ³⁸	\$ _____
60.	Current year total taxable value. Enter the amount from Line 21 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ _____
61.	Additional rate for pollution control. Divide Line 59 by Line 60 and multiply by \$100.	\$ _____ /\$100

³² Tax. Tax Code §26.041(d)
³³ Tax. Tax Code §26.041(f)
³⁴ Tax. Tax Code §26.041(d)
³⁵ Tax. Tax Code §26.04(c)
³⁶ Tax. Tax Code §26.04(c)
³⁷ Tax. Tax Code §26.045(d)
³⁸ Tax. Tax Code §26.045(f)

Line	Voter-Approval Rate Adjustment for Pollution Control Requirements Worksheet	Amount/Rate
62.	Current year voter-approval tax rate, adjusted for pollution control. Add Line 61 to one of the following lines (as applicable): Line 49, Line D49 (disaster), Line 50 (counties) or Line 58 (taxing units with the additional sales tax).	\$ _____ /\$100

SECTION 5: Voter-Approval Tax Rate Adjustment for Unused Increment Rate

The unused increment rate is the rate equal to the sum of the prior 3 years Foregone Revenue Amounts divided by the current taxable value.³⁹ The Foregone Revenue Amount for each year is equal to that year's adopted tax rate subtracted from that year's voter-approval tax rate adjusted to remove the unused increment rate multiplied by that year's current total value.⁴⁰

The difference between the adopted tax rate and adjusted voter-approval tax rate is considered zero in the following scenarios:

- a tax year in which a taxing unit affected by a disaster declaration calculates the tax rate under Tax Code Section 26.042;⁴¹
- a tax year in which the municipality is a defunding municipality, as defined by Tax Code Section 26.0501(a);⁴² or
- after Jan. 1, 2022, a tax year in which the comptroller determines that the county implemented a budget reduction or reallocation described by Local Government Code Section 120.002(a) without the required voter approval.⁴³

This section should only be completed by a taxing unit that does not meet the definition of a special taxing unit.⁴⁴

Line	Unused Increment Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
63.	Year 3 Foregone Revenue Amount. Subtract the 2024 unused increment rate and 2024 actual tax rate from the 2024 voter-approval tax rate. Multiply the result by the 2024 current total value A. Voter-approval tax rate (Line 67) B. Unused increment rate (Line 66) C. Subtract B from A D. Adopted Tax Rate E. Subtract D from C F. 2024 Total Taxable Value (Line 60) G. Multiply E by F and divide the results by \$100. If the number is less than zero, enter zero	\$ 0.255156 /\$100 \$ 0.000000 /\$100 \$ 0.255156 /\$100 \$ 0.255156 /\$100 \$ 0.000000 /\$100 \$ 1,058,836,244 \$ 0
64.	Year 2 Foregone Revenue Amount. Subtract the 2023 unused increment rate and 2023 actual tax rate from the 2023 voter-approval tax rate. Multiply the result by the 2023 current total value A. Voter-approval tax rate (Line 67) B. Unused increment rate (Line 66) C. Subtract B from A D. Adopted Tax Rate E. Subtract D from C F. 2023 Total Taxable Value (Line 60) G. Multiply E by F and divide the results by \$100. If the number is less than zero, enter zero	\$ 0.257734 /\$100 \$ 0.000000 /\$100 \$ 0.257734 /\$100 \$ 0.257734 /\$100 \$ 0.000000 /\$100 \$ 1,012,293,714 \$ 0
65.	Year 1 Foregone Revenue Amount. Subtract the 2022 unused increment rate and 2022 actual tax rate from the 2022 voter-approval tax rate. Multiply the result by the 2022 current total value A. Voter-approval tax rate (Line 67) B. Unused increment rate (Line 66) C. Subtract B from A D. Adopted Tax Rate E. Subtract D from C F. 2022 Total Taxable Value (Line 60) G. Multiply E by F and divide the results by \$100. If the number is less than zero, enter zero	\$ 0.269563 /\$100 \$ 0.000000 /\$100 \$ 0.269563 /\$100 \$ 0.269563 /\$100 \$ 0.000000 /\$100 \$ 1,125,893,270 \$ 0
66.	Total Foregone Revenue Amount. Add Lines 63G, 64G and 65G	\$ 0.000000
67.	2025 Unused Increment Rate. Divide Line 66 by Line 21 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Rate Worksheet</i> . Multiply the result by 100	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
68.	Total 2025 voter-approval tax rate, including the unused increment rate. Add Line 67 to one of the following lines (as applicable): Line 49, Line 50 (counties), Line 58 (taxing units with additional sales tax) or Line 62 (taxing units with pollution)	\$ 0.246430 /\$100

³⁹ Tax. Tax Code §26.013(b)
⁴⁰ Tax. Tax Code §26.013(a)(1-a), (1-b), and (2)
⁴¹ Tax. Tax Code §§26.04(c)(2)(A) and 26.042(a)
⁴² Tax. Tax Code §§26.0501(a) and (c)
⁴³ Tax. Local Gov't Code §120.007(d)
⁴⁴ Tax. Local Gov't Code §120.007(d)

SECTION 6: De Minimis Rate

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for a taxing unit.⁴⁴ This section should only be completed by a taxing unit that is a municipality of less than 30,000 or a taxing unit that does not meet the definition of a special taxing unit.⁴⁵

Line	De Minimis Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
69.	Adjusted current year NNR M&O tax rate. Enter the rate from Line 39 of the <i>Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	0.192326
70.	Current year total taxable value. Enter the amount on Line 21 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,072,106,452
71.	Rate necessary to impose \$500,000 in taxes. Divide \$500,000 by Line 70 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.046637 /\$100
72.	Current year debt rate. Enter the rate from Line 48 of the <i>Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.047373 /\$100
73.	De minimis rate. Add Lines 69, 71 and 72.	\$ 0.286336 /\$100

SECTION 7: Voter-Approval Tax Rate Adjustment for Emergency Revenue Rate

In the tax year after the end of the disaster calculation time period detailed in Tax Code Section 26.042(a), a taxing unit that calculated its voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit due to a disaster must calculate its emergency revenue rate and reduce its voter-approval tax rate for that year.⁴⁶

Similarly, if a taxing unit adopted a tax rate that exceeded its voter-approval tax rate, calculated normally, without holding an election to respond to a disaster, as allowed by Tax Code Section 26.042(d), in the prior year, it must also reduce its voter-approval tax rate for the current tax year.⁴⁷

This section will apply to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit that:

- directed the designated officer or employee to calculate the voter-approval tax rate of the taxing unit in the manner provided for a special taxing unit in the prior year; and
- the current year is the first tax year in which the total taxable value of property taxable by the taxing unit as shown on the appraisal roll for the taxing unit submitted by the assessor for the taxing unit to the governing body exceeds the total taxable value of property taxable by the taxing unit on January 1 of the tax year in which the disaster occurred or the disaster occurred four years ago. This section will apply to a taxing unit in a disaster area that adopted a tax rate greater than its voter-approval tax rate without holding an election in the prior year.

Note: This section does not apply if a taxing unit is continuing to calculate its voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit because it is still within the disaster calculation time period detailed in Tax Code Section 26.042(a) because it has not met the conditions in Tax Code Section 26.042(a)(1) or (2).

Line	Emergency Revenue Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
74.	2024 adopted tax rate. Enter the rate in Line 4 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ _____ /\$100
75.	Adjusted 2024 voter-approval tax rate. Use the taxing unit's Tax Rate Calculation Worksheets from the prior year(s) to complete this line. If a disaster occurred in 2024 and the taxing unit calculated its 2024 voter-approval tax rate using a multiplier of 1.08 on Disaster Line 41 (D41) of the 2024 worksheet due to a disaster, complete the applicable sections or lines of <i>Form 50-856-a, Adjusted Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Taxing Units in Disaster Area Calculation Worksheet</i> . - or - If a disaster occurred prior to 2024 for which the taxing unit continued to calculate its voter-approval tax rate using a multiplier of 1.08 on Disaster Line 41 (D41) in 2024, complete <i>Form 50-856-a, Adjusted Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Taxing Units in Disaster Area Calculation Worksheet</i> to recalculate the voter-approval tax rate the taxing unit would have calculated in 2024 if it had generated revenue based on an adopted tax rate using a multiplier of 1.035 in the years following the disaster. ⁴⁸ Enter the final adjusted 2024 voter-approval tax rate from the worksheet. - or - If the taxing unit adopted a tax rate above the 2024 voter-approval tax rate without calculating a disaster tax rate or holding an election due to a disaster, no recalculation is necessary. Enter the voter-approval tax rate from the prior year's worksheet.	\$ _____ /\$100
76.	Increase in 2024 tax rate due to disaster. Subtract Line 75 from Line 74.	\$ _____ /\$100
77.	Adjusted 2024 taxable value. Enter the amount in Line 14 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ _____
78.	Emergency revenue. Multiply Line 76 by Line 77 and divide by \$100.	\$ _____
79.	Adjusted 2024 taxable value. Enter the amount in Line 25 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ _____
80.	Emergency revenue rate. Divide Line 78 by Line 79 and multiply by \$100. ⁴⁹	\$ _____ /\$100

⁴⁴ Tax. Code §26.04(c)(2)(B)
⁴⁵ Tax. Code §26.012(B-a)
⁴⁶ Tax. Code §26.063(a)(1)
⁴⁷ Tax. Code §26.042(b)
⁴⁸ Tax. Code §26.042(f)
⁴⁹ Tax. Code §§26.42(c)
⁵⁰ Tax. Code §§26.42(b)

Line	Emergency Revenue Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
81.	Current year voter-approval tax rate, adjusted for emergency revenue. Subtract Line 80 from one of the following lines (as applicable): Line 49, Line D49 (disaster), Line 50 (counties), Line 58 (taxing units with the additional sales tax), Line 62 (taxing units with pollution control) or Line 68 (taxing units with the unused increment rate).	\$ _____ /\$100

SECTION 8: Total Tax Rate

Indicate the applicable total tax rates as calculated above.

- No-new-revenue tax rate.** \$ 0.253534 /\$100
 As applicable, enter the current year NNR tax rate from: Line 26, Line 27 (counties), or Line 56 (adjusted for sales tax).
 Indicate the line number used: 26

- Voter-approval tax rate.** \$ 0.246430 /\$100
 As applicable, enter the current year voter-approval tax rate from: Line 49, Line D49 (disaster), Line 50 (counties), Line 58 (adjusted for sales tax), Line 62 (adjusted for pollution control), Line 68 (adjusted for unused increment), or Line 81 (adjusted for emergency revenue).
 Indicate the line number used: 68

- De minimis rate.** \$ 0.286336 /\$100
 If applicable, enter the current year de minimis rate from Line 73.

SECTION 9: Taxing Unit Representative Name and Signature

Enter the name of the person preparing the tax rate as authorized by the governing body of the taxing unit. By signing below, you certify that you are the designated officer or employee of the taxing unit and have accurately calculated the tax rates using values that are the same as the values shown in the taxing unit's certified appraisal roll or certified estimate of taxable value, in accordance with requirements in the Tax Code.⁵⁷

print here ▶ Kristen H. Hoyt
 Printed Name of Taxing Unit Representative

sign here ▶ *Kristen H. Hoyt, PCAC*
 Taxing Unit Representative

08/1/2025
 Date

⁵⁷ Tax. Tax Code §§26.04(c-2) and (d-2)

Appendix



Glossary

Account: A term used to identify an individual asset, liability, expenditure, revenue, encumbrance, or fund balance.

Accounting Standards: The accepted accounting principles (GAAP) promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which guides the recording and reporting of financial information by state and local governments. The standards establish such guidelines as when transactions are recognized, the types and purposes of funds, and the content and organization of the annual financial report.

Accounting System: The total structure of records and procedures that identify record, classify, and report information on the financial position and operations of a governmental unit or any of its funds, account groups, and organizational components.

Accrued Interest: The amount of interest that has accumulated on the debt since the date of the last interest payment, and on the sale of a bond, the amount accrued up to but not including the date of delivery (settlement date). (See Interest)

Activity: A specific and distinguishable line of work performed by one or more organizational components of a governmental unit for the purpose of accomplishing a function for which the governmental unit is responsible. See also Function.

Adopted Budget: An annual spending plan that is adopted by the City Council.

Ad Valorem Taxes: Taxes levied on real property according to the property's valuation and the tax rate. See Property Taxes.

Amended Budget: Includes the adopted budget for a fiscal year, plus any budget amendments or budget transfers.

Amortization: The gradual repayment of an obligation over time and in accordance with a predetermined payment schedule.

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR): This report summarizes financial data for the previous fiscal year in a standardized format.

Appropriation: A legal authorization from the community's legislative body to expend money and incur obligations for specific public purposes. An appropriation is usually limited in amount and as to the time period within which it may be expended.

Assessed Valuation: A value assigned to real estate or other property by a government as the basis for levying taxes.

Audit: An examination of a community's financial systems, procedures, and data by a certified public accountant (independent auditor), and a report on the fairness of financial statements and on local compliance with statutes and regulations. The audit serves as a valuable management tool in evaluating the fiscal performance of a community.

Audit Report: Prepared by an independent auditor, an audit report includes: (a) a statement of the scope of the audit; (b) explanatory comments as to application of auditing procedures; (c) findings and opinions. It is always accompanied by a management letter which contains supplementary comments and recommendations.

Available Funds: Balances in the various fund types that represent non-recurring revenue sources. As a matter of sound practice, they are frequently appropriated to meet unforeseen expenses, for capital expenditures or other one-time costs.

Balance Sheet: A statement that discloses the assets, liabilities, reserves and equities of a fund or governmental unit at a specified date.

Balanced Budget: A budget with total expenditures not exceeding total revenues and monies available in the fund balance within an individual fund.

Bond: A means to raise money through the issuance of debt. A bond issuer/borrower promises in writing to repay a specified sum of money, alternately referred to as face value, par value or bond principal, to the buyer of the bond on a specified future date (maturity date), together with periodic interest at a specified rate. The term of a bond is always greater than one year. (See Note)

Bond and Interest Record: (Bond Register) – The permanent and complete record maintained by a treasurer for each bond issue. It shows the amount of interest and principal coming due each date and all other pertinent information concerning the bond issue.

Bond Issue: Generally, the sale of a certain number of bonds at one time by a governmental unit.

Bond Rating (Municipal): A credit rating assigned to a municipality to help investors assess the future ability, legal obligation, and willingness of the municipality (bond issuer) to make timely debt service payments. Stated otherwise, a rating helps prospective investors determine the level of risk associated with a given fixed-income investment. Rating agencies, such as Moody's and Standard and Poors, use rating systems, which designate a letter or a combination of letters and numerals where AAA is the highest rating and C1 is a very low rating.

Budget: A plan for allocating resources to support particular services, purposes, and functions over a specified period of time. (See Performance Budget, Program Budget)

Budget Amendment: The budget may be formally amended after it has been approved.

Budget Calendar: The schedule of key dates which the City follows in the preparation and adoption of the budget.

Budget Document: The instrument used by the budget-making authority to present a comprehensive financial plan of operations to the City Council.

Budget Ordinance: The official enactment, by the City Council, to legally authorize the City Staff to obligate and expend the resources of the City.

Budget Year: The fiscal year of the City, which begins October 1 and ends September 30.

Capital Assets: All real and tangible property used in the operation of government, which is not easily converted into cash, and has an initial useful life extending beyond a single financial reporting period. Capital assets include land and land improvements; infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water, and sewer lines; easements; buildings and building improvements; vehicles, machinery and equipment. Communities typically define capital assets in terms of a minimum useful life and a minimum initial cost. (See Fixed Assets)

Capital Budget: An appropriation or spending plan that uses borrowing or direct outlay for capital or fixed asset improvements. Among other information, a capital budget should identify the method of financing each recommended expenditure, i.e., tax levy or rates, and identify those items that were not recommended. (See Capital Assets, Fixed Assets)

Capital Expenditures: Charges for the acquisition at the delivered price including transportation, costs of equipment, land, buildings, or improvements of land or buildings, fixtures, and other permanent improvements with a value in excess of \$5,000 and a useful life expectancy of greater than 1 year.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP): A long-range plan for providing the capital outlays necessary to insure that adequate services are provided to the residents of the City. The plan includes improvements, or the acquisition of structural improvements, and major equipment purchases.

Capital Projects Fund: A fund created to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition and/or the construction of major capital facilities or equipment.

Cash: Currency, coin, checks, postal and express money orders and bankers' drafts on hand or on deposit with an official or agent designated as custodian of cash and bank deposits.

Cash Management: The process of monitoring the ebb and flow of money in an out of municipal accounts to ensure cash availability to pay bills and to facilitate decisions on the need for short- term borrowing and investment of idle cash.

Chart of Accounts: A way of recording revenues and expenditures that includes all transactions and that fits the organizational structure. A chart of accounts assigns a unique number to each type of transaction and to each budgetary unit in the organization.

City Charter: The document that establishes the City as an incorporated political subdivision (municipal government) in accordance with the statutes of the State of Texas.

Comal County Appraisal District: An entity established by the State of Texas to ensure uniform property appraisals for all taxing entities in Comal County.

Debt Burden: The amount of debt carried by an issuer usually expressed as a measure of value (i.e., debt as a percentage of assessed value, debt per capita, etc.). Sometimes debt burden refers to debt service costs as a percentage of the total annual budget.

Debt Service: The repayment cost, usually stated in annual terms and based on an amortization schedule, of the principal and interest on any particular bond issue.

Debt Service Fund: The fund used to account for accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs other than debt serviced by Proprietary Fund Types. The revenue source is principally ad valorem taxes levied by the City.

Deficit: The excess of expenditures over revenues during an accounting period.

Delinquent Taxes: Real or personal property taxes that remain unpaid on or after February 1 of each year upon which penalties and interest are assessed.

Department: A major administrative organizational unit of the City, which indicates overall management responsibility of one or more activities.

Depreciation: The process of estimating and recording the expired useful life of a fixed asset which is used to distribute its cost over its revenue producing years.

Encumbrance: A reservation of funds to cover obligations arising from purchase orders, contracts, or salary commitments that are chargeable to, but not yet paid from, a specific appropriation account.

Enterprise Funds: An enterprise fund is a separate accounting and financial reporting mechanism for municipal services for which a fee is charged in exchange for goods or services. It allows a community to demonstrate to the public the portion of total costs of a service that is recovered through user charges and the portion that is subsidized by the tax levy, if any. With an enterprise fund, all costs of service delivery--direct, indirect, and capital costs—are identified. This allows the community to recover total service costs through user fees if it chooses. Enterprise accounting also enables communities to reserve the "surplus" or net assets unrestricted generated by the operation of the enterprise rather than closing it out to the general fund at year-end. Services that may be treated as enterprises include, but are not limited to, water, sewer, hospital, and airport services.

Exemptions: A discharge, established by statute, from the obligation to pay all or a portion of a property tax. The exemption is available to particular categories of property or persons upon the timely submission and approval of an application to the assessors. Properties exempt from taxation include hospitals, schools, houses of worship, and cultural institutions. Persons who may qualify for exemptions include disabled veterans, blind individuals, surviving spouses, and seniors.

Expenditure: An outlay of money made by municipalities to provide the programs and services within their approved budget.

Fiduciary Funds: Repository of money held by a municipality in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and other funds. These include pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, investment trust funds, private- purpose trust funds, and agency funds.

Fiscal Year: A 12-month period to which the annual operating budget applies. (The City of Garden Ridge has established October 1 through September 30 as its fiscal year.)

Fixed Assets: Long-lived, assets such as buildings, equipment and land obtained or controlled as a result of past transactions or circumstances.

Fixed Costs: Costs that are legally or contractually mandated such as retirement, FICA/Social Security, insurance, debt service costs or interest on loans.

Full Faith and Credit: A pledge of the general taxing powers for the payment of governmental obligations. Bonds carrying such pledges are usually referred to as general obligation or full faith and credit bonds.

Fund: An accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that are segregated for the purpose of carrying on identified activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with specific regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

Fund Accounting: Organizing financial records into multiple, segregated locations for money. A fund is a distinct entity within the municipal government in which financial resources and activity (assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenditures) are accounted for independently in accordance with specific regulations, restrictions or limitations. Examples of funds include the general fund and enterprise funds. Communities whose accounting records are organized according to the Uniform Municipal Accounting System (UMAS) use multiple funds.

General Fund: The fund used to account for most financial resources and activities governed by the normal appropriation process.

General Obligation Bonds: Bonds issued by a municipality for purposes allowed by statute that are backed by the full faith and credit of its taxing authority.

Governing Body: A board, committee, commission, or other executive or policymaking body of a municipality or school district.

Indirect Cost: Costs of a service not reflected in the operating budget of the entity providing the service. An example of an indirect cost of providing water service would be the value of time spent by non-water department employees processing water bills. A determination of these costs is necessary to analyze the total cost of service delivery. The matter of indirect costs arises most often in the context of enterprise funds.

Interest: Compensation paid or to be paid for the use of money, including amounts payable at periodic intervals or discounted at the time a loan is made. In the case of municipal bonds, interest payments accrue on a day-to-day basis, but are paid every six months.

Interest Rate: The interest payable, expressed as a percentage of the principal available for use during a specified period of time. It is always expressed in annual terms.

Investments: Securities and real estate held for the production of income in the form of interest, dividends, rentals or lease payments. The term does not include fixed assets used in governmental operations.

Maturity Date: The date that the principal of a bond becomes due and payable in full.

Municipal(s): (As used in the bond trade) "Municipal" refers to any state or subordinate governmental unit. "Municipals" (i.e., municipal bonds) include not only the bonds of all political subdivisions, such as cities, towns, school districts, special districts, counties but also bonds of the state and agencies of the state.

Note: A short-term loan, typically with a maturity date of a year or less.

Objects of Expenditures: A classification of expenditures that is used for coding any department disbursement, such as "personal services," "expenses," or "capital outlay."

Operating Budget: A plan of proposed expenditures for personnel, supplies, and other expenses for the coming fiscal year.

Principal: The face amount of a bond, exclusive of accrued interest.

Purchased Services: The cost of services that are provided by a vendor.

Reserve Fund: An amount set aside annually within the budget of a town to provide a funding source for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures.

Revenue Bond: A bond payable from and secured solely by specific revenues and thereby not a full faith and credit obligation.

Surplus Revenue: The amount by which cash, accounts receivable, and other assets exceed liabilities and reserves.

Tax Rate: The amount of property tax stated in terms of a unit of the municipal tax base; for example, \$14.80 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable real and personal property.

Uncollected Funds: Recently deposited checks included in an account's balance but drawn on other banks and not yet credited by the Federal Reserve Bank or local clearinghouse to the bank cashing the checks. (These funds may not be loaned or used as part of the bank's reserves and they are not available for disbursement.)

Undesignated Fund Balance: Monies in the various government funds as of the end of the fiscal year that are neither encumbered nor reserved and are therefore available for expenditure once certified as part of free cash.

Unreserved Fund Balance (Surplus Revenue Account): The amount by which cash, accounts receivable, and other assets exceed liabilities and restricted reserves. It is akin to a "stockholders' equity" account on a corporate balance sheet. It is not, however, available for appropriation in full because a portion of the assets listed as "accounts receivable" may be taxes receivable and uncollected. (See Free Cash)

Valuation (100 Percent): The legal requirement that a community's assessed value on property must reflect its market, or full and fair cash value.





AGENDA ITEM:	8.c) Ordinance No. 246 – Tax Rate
SUBMITTED BY:	City Manager Ryan Rapelye
DATE SUBMITTED:	August 26, 2025
MEETING DATE:	September 3, 2025

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

Discussion and action on Ordinance No. 246-092025 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting a Tax Rate of \$0.246430 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) consisting of the Maintenance and Operation Rate and Debt Service Rate of assessed valuation for the City of Garden Ridge to be effective for the 2025 Tax Year (Fiscal Year 2026).

BACKGROUND

The City Council is required by state law to adopt a tax rate for each fiscal year. The proposed tax rate for Tax Year 2025 (FY 2026) is **\$0.246430 per \$100 valuation**. This rate is composed of:

- **Maintenance & Operation Rate (M&O) - 0.199057:** Supports day-to-day services such as administration, public safety, streets, library, and community programs.
- **Debt Service Rate (I&S) - 0.047373:** Funds the City’s general obligation debt payments, ensuring compliance with bond covenants and long-term financial stability.

This adoption follows the certified appraisal roll provided by the Comal Appraisal District and supports the FY 2026 adopted budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ordinance No. 246-092025 (Adopting the 2025 Tax Rate)

REQUESTED ACTION

Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ordinance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

FINANCIAL

Establishes the City’s official property tax rate for FY 2026, providing revenue for general operations and debt service requirements.

PROs / CONS

For FY 2026, the **voter-approval tax rate is lower than the no-new-revenue tax rate**. This unusual outcome occurred because the City **paid off a bond**, reducing overall debt service requirements and lowering the required tax levy. As a result, the adopted tax rate not only complies with truth-in-taxation requirements but also reflects the City’s improved financial position while continuing to fund operations and maintain strong reserves.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of **Ordinance No. 246-092025**, adopting the tax rate of \$0.246430 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the 2025 Tax Year (FY 2026).



LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate does not exceed the lower of the no-new-revenue tax rate or the voter-approval tax rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §26.061.

A tax rate of \$0.246430 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE.

PROPOSED TAX RATE: \$0.246430 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE: \$0.253534 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE: \$0.246430 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM at GARDEN RIDGE CITY HALL, 9400 MUNICIPAL PARKWAY, GARDEN RIDGE, TX, 78266.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the CITY COUNCIL of CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Kelly Smith-Place 1, Jim Mueller-Place 2, Krendra Harralson-Place 3, Todd Arvidson-Place 4, Brian Reyes-Place 5
AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting: Mayor Lisa Swint

ABSENT:

Visit www.Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state. The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE this year.

Table with 4 columns: Category, 2024, 2025, Change. Rows include Total tax rate (per \$100 of value), Average homestead taxable value, Tax on average homestead, and Total tax levy on all properties.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE at 830-221-1353 or CCTAX@CO.COMAL.TX.US, or visit www.co.comal.tx.us/tax for more information.

This is to certify that I, Marisa Spencer, posted this Legal Notice at 11:00 a.m. on August 18, 2025, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.

Marisa Spencer
Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 246-092025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, ADOPTING A TAX RATE OF \$0.246430 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) CONSISTING OF THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION RATE AND DEBT SERVICE RATE OF ASSESSED VALUATION FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2025 TAX YEAR (FISCAL YEAR 2026).

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, has duly approved a General Fund Budget for maintenance and operation for Fiscal Year 2026 and an Interest and Sinking Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is necessary to levy an ad valorem tax on all property, both real and personal, within the corporate limits of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, in accordance with such budget and the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Chapter 26, the appropriate notices were published and the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, conducted a public hearing as required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF TAX RATE.

The City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, does hereby adopt the tax rate of \$0.246430 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for the 2025 tax year with said rate being composed of the following elements:

1. A tax rate of \$0.199057 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for the General Fund maintenance and operations:

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

and

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 2.9128 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$5.63.

2. A tax rate of \$0.047373 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for the retirement of debt service through the Interest and Sinking Fund.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS.

The findings set out herein are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

SECTION 3. CUMULATIVE AND SAVINGS.

All ordinances or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters herein.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 5. PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

SECTION 6. RECORD VOTE.

Pursuant to Texas Tax Code §26.05(b), this ordinance must be a record vote; which is reflected below:

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, Place 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Councilmember Mueller, Place 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Councilmember Harralson, Place 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Councilmember Arvidson, Place 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Councilmember Reyes, Place 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and any publication required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON this 3rd day of September, 2025.

Lisa Swint
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary



AGENDA ITEM:	8.d) Ratify Property Tax Increase Reflected in Budget
SUBMITTED BY:	City Manager Ryan Rapelye
DATE SUBMITTED:	August 26, 2025
MEETING DATE:	September 3, 2025

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

Discussion and action to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge.

BACKGROUND

State law requires a separate vote of the governing body to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the adopted budget when the total property tax revenues exceed those of the previous fiscal year, even if the adopted tax rate is below the no-new-revenue rate.

The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget includes property tax revenues that are greater than the prior year due to:

- **Growth in taxable valuations** certified by the Comal Appraisal District.
- Adoption of the voter-approval tax rate of **\$0.246430 per \$100 valuation**, which is lower than the no-new-revenue rate because the City retired outstanding bond debt.

Ratification of this item does **not adopt a higher tax rate**, but fulfills a statutory requirement to acknowledge the increase in total property tax revenue resulting from increased property values.

ATTACHMENTS:

REQUESTED ACTION

Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>		

FINANCIAL

Ensures compliance with truth-in-taxation requirements. Recognizes additional property tax revenue supporting the FY 2026 Budget for operations and debt service.

PROs / CONS

This vote to ratify a property tax increase is in addition to, and separate from, the vote to adopt the budget or the vote to set the tax rate as required by Chapter 26 of the Tax Code.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval to **ratify the property tax revenue increase** reflected in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.



AGENDA ITEM:	8.f) Possible Amendments to Ord. 168 - Golf Carts
SUBMITTED BY:	City Manager Ryan Rapelye
DATE SUBMITTED:	August 26, 2025
MEETING DATE:	September 3, 2025

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

Discussion on amendments to Ordinance No. 168 related to the use of golf carts.

BACKGROUND

Ordinance No. 168 currently permits City of Garden Ridge employees to operate golf carts and utility vehicles on public streets within the city. However, the ordinance does not extend this allowance to the general public, except during participation in the city-sponsored annual Fourth of July parade.

At present, members of the public may operate golf carts only on private streets and within gated subdivisions where traffic is regulated by the Garden Ridge Police Department and where the posted speed limit does not exceed 35 mph.

The purpose of this item is to review and potentially expand Ordinance No. 168 to allow for broader public use of golf carts in certain areas of Garden Ridge outside of gated communities. The Garden Ridge Police Department has prepared recommendations and considerations should the City Council wish to pursue amendments to the ordinance permitting expanded golf cart use. City Council discussed this agenda item last month and requested further information from staff.

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance No. 168-102013

REQUESTED ACTION

Motion <input type="checkbox"/>	Resolution <input type="checkbox"/>
Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/>	

FINANCIAL

Budgeted Item <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Estimate/Budget:
Non-budgeted Item <input type="checkbox"/>	Current Estimate:
Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Amount Under/Over Budget:

PROs / CONS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION



AGENDA ITEM:	8.g) Agenda Format/Structure
SUBMITTED BY:	City Manager Ryan Rapelye
DATE SUBMITTED:	August 26, 2025
MEETING DATE:	September 3, 2025

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

Discussion and Possible Action on potential modifications to the structure and/or framework of the current City Council agenda.

BACKGROUND

The intent of this agenda item is to discuss with City Council the current framework of the City Council agenda and evaluate the need to streamline a more effective framework for our City Council meetings. The current structure provides two opportunities for citizen comments, consent, action items, staff reports from multiple departments, commission reports, updates on projects, and future items for the City Council discussion.

A revised format/structure would seek to enhance clarity, improve public engagement, and reduce meeting length without compromising transparency or effectiveness. This item was discussed with City Council in July. The City Manager will provide a presentation and examples of other agendas utilized in other Cities to establish a new structure/framework for agenda's moving forward.

ATTACHMENTS:

REQUESTED ACTION

- Motion
- Discussion
- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Other

FINANCIAL

- Budgeted Item
- Non-budgeted Item
- Not Applicable

Original Estimate/Budget:

Current Estimate:

Amount Under/Over Budget: \$

PROs / CONS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This item is for discussion, input, and feedback from City Councilmembers on the current structure of the City Council agenda and potential areas to revise without compromising the transparency or effectiveness.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-072019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, PROHIBITING BLASTING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL EXEMPTION PERMIT; ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO BLASTING; ESTABLISHING CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; INCLUDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it adopted Ordinance 34-072012 after substantial study through its Quarry Commission on the various aspects of Excavation sites, Surface Mining Operations, and Blasting both generally and within and adjacent to the City of Garden Ridge and the related impact Excavation sites, Surface Mining Operations and Blasting has on property value, development, the economy, employment, property taxes and the public and communities who live and work adjacent to such operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby readopts all findings as listed in the preamble of Ordinance 34-072012 and all data as contained in the Attachments thereto; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that through continued analysis of Blasting Operations and operational blasting data conducted under Ordinance 34-072012, and limited effectiveness of the penalty provisions of Ordinance 34-072012, that certain changes are prudent in order to effectuate continued Blasting regulations as set forth in this Ordinance without infringing on the rights of and/or improperly infringing upon any land use, or unreasonably interfering with any reasonable investment backed expectations of existing property owners regulated by this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Regulatory Authority has worked closely and cooperatively with the Hanson SERVTEX Quarry, the primary regulated entity under Ordinance 34-072012; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the City of Garden Ridge, Texas possesses the police power of the state, which is delegated to cities by law, and hereby invokes such power to aid in the enforcement and the adoption this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this Ordinance, when considered by any City Commission and the City Council has done so in full and complete compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at properly posted and conducted public meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, ORDINANCE 34.

The City Council hereby revokes and repeals in its entirety the now existing Ordinance 34 and replaces it by the adoption of the regulations contained in this Ordinance which is effective upon adoption. This ordinance shall be referred to as the 2019 Blasting Regulations.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

All technical industry words or phrases related to Excavation sites, Surface Mining Operations, and Blasting not specifically defined in this Ordinance shall have the meanings customarily attributable thereto by prudent and reasonable persons in the field of Excavation, Surface Mining and Blasting unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance. The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section.

Air Overpressure or Air Blast¹ is the airborne shock wave or acoustic transient generated by an explosion. As this air wave (measured in decibels (dBL)) contacts structures, it causes walls to vibrate.

Blasting shall mean the firing of any Explosive Material that generates seismic waves and/or Air Blast. It does not include or apply to those explosives generally referred to as "fireworks", which is governed under a separate ordinance.

City Council means the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas comprised of the five council members and the Mayor, unless contrary to Texas law.

City Hall means 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

Decibel shall mean a unit of sound pressure commonly used to measure Air Blast from explosives.

Excavation means the act of digging, mining or otherwise removing Minerals. This term does not include site grading or other site development activity that has been reviewed and/or authorized by the City of Garden Ridge; or site preparation activities on land that is the subject of a then applicable development permit or agreement with the City of Garden Ridge.

Explosive Material is a term which includes, but is not necessarily limited to, dynamite and other high explosives, slurries, water gels, emulsions, blasting agents, black powder, pellet powder, initiating explosives, or any other similar Blasting materials used in Excavation activities, as well as any detonators, safety fuses, squibs, detonating cord, igniter cord, and igniters.

Flyrock means the fragments of rock thrown and scattered during quarry blasting.

Frequency refers to how many waves occur within a second, which is measured in Hertz.

Hertz is a term used to express the frequency of ground vibrations and Air Blast; one hertz is one cycle per second.

Minerals shall mean shall include limestone, coal, lignite, uranium, clay, sand, hard rock, soil or other substances of value (commercial or otherwise), from natural deposits on or in the earth.

Municipal Limits means the municipal limits of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas.

Noise shall mean any undesired sound, especially a statistically random and persistent disturbance that provokes strong discomfort on the part of those people experiencing the noise.

¹ See generally USBM standards

Noise Level is the weighted sound pressure level called sound level, with measurement as defined in dBA below.

dBA is the term used to measure noise and involves quantifying both the rate (frequency in Hz) and intensity (pressure) relative to normal atmospheric pressure. People do not perceive all frequencies with same sensitivity and are more responsive to higher frequencies. A dBA sound level measurement weighs the various frequency components of sound as perceived by the human ear in order to yield a single number indicator of its relative intensity.

Partial Exemption Permit means a permit issued from the Regulatory Authority, for a single event or for continuing operations, for a maximum term not exceeding a period of twelve (12) months to be automatically renewed annually at the end of the fiscal year, permitting a Permit Holder to conduct Blasting activities otherwise prohibited by this Ordinance.

Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) the measure of the intensity of ground vibration, specifically the velocity of motion of the ground particles as they are excited by the wave energy.

Permit Holder means either the Property Owner or any designee of the Property Owner, designated in writing by the Property Owner that has obtained a Partial Exemption Permit from the Regulatory Authority.

Property Owner means either the actual Property Owner as shown in the deed records of Comal County, or in the case of a continuing operations permit means Lehigh Hanson, Inc. and its agents and authorized representatives, but may be referred to herein as the Hanson SERVTEX Quarry.

Regulatory Authority shall mean the City of Garden Ridge, Texas.

Surface Mining means the mining of Minerals by Excavation or other commercial removal of the overburden lying above the natural deposit of Minerals and mining directly from the natural deposits that are exposed and those aspects of underground mining having significant effects on the surface.

Surface Mining Operation means those Surface Mining activities conducted at or near an Excavation site and concomitant with Surface Mining including extraction, storage, processing and shipping of minerals and reclamation of the land affected.

SECTION 3. BLASTING PROHIBITED.

All non-permitted Blasting within the Municipal Limits is a public nuisance and is prohibited.

Any violation of any state or federal law, rule, or regulation related to blasting now in effect or in effect at the time of the violation is additionally prohibited by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY.

Nothing contained herein is intended to, nor shall it be interpreted to mean, that future action of the Regulatory Authority is in any manner regulated, affected or constrained through the terms of this Ordinance; rather, all Regulatory Authority operations are specifically exempted from the provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PARTIAL EXEMPTION PERMITS – BLASTING.

The City Council may, by the issuance of a Partial Exemption Permit to the owner of property or his designee seeking a Partial Exemption Permit, allow the Permit Holder to engage in an activity contrary to the prohibitions contained in this Ordinance for a single event or for continuing operations as defined herein, upon a finding of the following conditions:

- a) Partial Exemption Permits may be issued for Blasting. Such permits may be issued by the City Council upon the finding of a complete application for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct Blasting within the Municipal Limits as provided by this Ordinance. All applications for Partial Exemption Permits must be in the form as provided in Attachment A.
- b) The City Council shall evaluate all information pertinent to the Partial Exemption Permit request exercising reasonable discretion to ensure the aspects contained in the findings of this Ordinance are adequately being remediated by the applicant. If the City Council finds inadequate remediation, it may deny the application or move to authorize the City to mediate with the applicant before taking final action on the application. The City Council will endeavor to make a determination with regard to the Partial Exemption Permit within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the administratively complete application. The decision of the City Council is final as to administrative remedies with the City and not subject to appeal. The City will timely notify the Property Owner and/or Permit Holder that the permit application is administratively complete. Notwithstanding, once the Property Owner and/or Permit Holder has been notified by City that it has submitted a timely permit application that is administratively complete, the Property Owner and/or Permit Holder is (1) authorized to continue blasting under the existing permit and (2) considered to be in compliance with this Ordinance, until the processing of the new permit application by the City is complete and a new permit is issued or denied.
- c) Any Partial Exemption Permit otherwise approved by the City Council is not valid unless any and all conditions are met and all fees, including any payments for third party monitoring pursuant to Section 7(1), are paid in full. Such validity shall be reviewed by the City annually for compliance with the Administrative Requirements of this Ordinance. Should the Permit Holder be out of compliance with the Administrative Requirements, the City shall give a ten (10) calendar day cure period for compliance.

SECTION 6. REGULATIONS ON BLASTING WITH PERMIT.

Blasting with a Partial Exemption Permit must be conducted pursuant to the limitations and conditions provided for such Blasting in this Ordinance. All quarry blasting and surface mining operations are to be in strict compliance with any and all local, state, and federal regulations and permits with respect to environment including air quality, water quality, and noise pollution.

All Blasting activity conducted by Partial Exemption Permit shall comply with the following regulations:

- a) **Distance Requirements** – No blasting shall occur from either a distance of 500 feet from the nearest adjacent property line or the berm contour (for quarry operations) on the subject property from the nearest adjacent property line, whichever distance is greater unless the owner of the affected real property(s) issues written permission, which must be filed with

the Regulatory Authority prior to the Blasting taking place, or the Permit Holder complies with Section 6(3)(c)(ii) and Section 6(3)(d)(ii). See Attachment D for berm contour coordinates.

- b) **Timing** – No Blasting shall occur on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. Blasting operations shall only occur between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Permit Holder shall notify the Regulatory Authority, or its designee, at least 10 minutes prior to and after each Blast. In the case of circumstances resulting in a potential danger to public safety requiring the detonation of explosives outside this time period, notification and approval of the detonation outside this time limitation may be obtained from either the Chief of Police, City Administrator, or their designee, of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas. In the event that reasonable efforts have been made to obtain such approval, but the danger is imminent, approval shall be presumed.
- c) **Air Blast Limit** – Air Blast shall not exceed 134dB as recorded by any monitor designated by the Regulatory Authority. If written permission from the affected property owner(s) is not obtained pursuant to Section 6(1)(a), a Permit Holder may either (i) request a variance to the minimum distance requirement from the Regulatory Authority or (ii) Air Blast shall not exceed 110dB as recorded by any monitor designated by the Regulatory Authority.
- d) **Ground Vibration Limit** – Ground vibration shall not exceed the frequency based PPV limit of 100% of the USBM Z-Curve as recorded by any monitor designated by the Regulatory Authority. See Attachment C. If written permission from the affected property owner(s) is not obtained pursuant to Section 6(1)(a), a Permit Holder may either (i) request a variance to the minimum distance requirement from the Regulatory Authority or (ii) Ground vibration shall not exceed the frequency based PPV limit of 40% of the USBM Z-Curve as recorded by any monitor designated by the Regulatory Authority. See Attachment C.
- e) **Air Particulate Limit** - Air Particulates shall not exceed the lowest permissible limits as identified in any required state or federal permits obtained by the Permit Holder or its blaster. A copy of all such permits shall be filed with the Regulatory Authority upon any new or renewal application for Partial Exemption Permit(s).
- f) **Noise Limit** - Noise shall not exceed 85 dBA. Noise in excess of 85 dBA, when monitored at the designated property line or a residence, shall constitute a noise level that is deemed reasonably calculated to disturb the peace and unreasonably offensive to the public. This noise limit does not apply to Air Blast.
- g) **Flyrock control** - Flyrock traveling in the air or along the ground shall not be cast from the Blasting site beyond the area under the control of the operator.
- h) **Voluntary Dispute Resolution Process** – as a condition of the Partial Exemption Permit for any continuing operations permit, the Property Owner shall establish a Voluntary Dispute Resolution Process for a property owner to avail themselves of, outside the confines of this Ordinance, in accordance with Attachment B.

- i) **Educational Materials** – as a condition of the Partial Exemption Permit for any continuing operations permit, the Property Owner shall assist the City in creating an Educational Program to be displayed on a City website, which shall include, at a minimum, video materials generally educating the public on the effects and causative factors of potential damages related to blasting.
- j) Any real property owner who permits Blasting activities on their property in violation of this Ordinance violates this Ordinance and is held jointly and severally responsible for any such civil or criminal penalty, cost or fee, including attorney's fees expended in the pursuit of enforcing this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.

- a) **Third-Party Monitoring** – all Blasting shall be monitored by a third-party industry technical expert selected and retained by the Regulatory Authority, in consultation with the Property Owner, and paid for through reimbursement to the Regulatory Authority by the Property Owner within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice by the Regulatory Authority, to accumulate data with respect to the seismographic, frequency and Air Blast effects of said Blasting activities. Additionally in order to monitor environmental effects of blasting and surface mining operations with respect to particulate air quality and operational noise, monitor(s) may be utilized, at the discretion of the Regulatory Authority and in accordance with USBM standards, and paid for through the same reimbursement process, at designated locations to take air samples and record noise levels during Permit Holder's operations. Should any easement be required for monitor placement the third-party shall be required to work jointly with the City in obtaining same and costs for same, if any, shall be borne through the application process.
 - 1. Single event blasting operations, such as pool excavations or basement excavations may be monitored at the discretion of the third-party consultant retained by the Regulatory Authority.
 - 2. Any Blasting operations taking place beyond single events shall be regularly monitored and such monitoring shall be performed at a minimum six and a maximum of nine different locations. Additionally, two noise monitors and two air particulate monitors may be utilized at designated locations. While the location of all monitoring devices will remain at the discretion of the Regulatory Authority and be in accordance with USBM standards, the Regulatory Authority, or its designee, will seek to recover, at least on a monthly basis, all data obtained from other than single event monitoring locations.
 - 2.1. A seismographic record including both particle velocity and vibration-frequency levels shall be maintained for each blast.
 - 2.2. Seismographs shall be self-triggering and capable of recording three mutually perpendicular components of ground motion time histories, in terms of velocity. Additionally, the units shall be capable of recording Air Blast levels and reporting the frequency as well as peak values for all vibration time histories.
 - 2.3. Seismographic units shall be calibrated annually to ensure the units are operating within the specifications.

- 2.4. Air particulate monitor(s) shall be able to sample air on a continuous or intermittent basis and record air particulate size consistent with quarry operational air permitting requirements.
 - 2.5. Noise monitor(s) shall be capable of monitoring and recording on a continuous or intermittent basis any noise level in excess of 85 dBA.
3. All monitoring data obtained by monitoring devices used to monitor Quarry Operations including Blasting Activities and environmental effects shall be posted for public inspection at City Hall and shall be available for inspection by the public. Data will be provided on a monthly basis and shall be posted at City Hall (if available electronic posting on the Regulatory Authority's internet site will satisfy this posting requirement).
 4. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a Permit Holder or Property Owner from separately utilizing and/or entering into an agreement with the Third-Party Monitor selected by the Regulatory Authority for any other services.
- b) **Proof of Insurance** – Permit Holder (or Property Owner) shall have in effect \$10,000,000 of insurance insuring against any loss or damage suffered by a third-party, naming City as additional insured, and shall provide to the Regulatory Authority all information necessary in order to verify insurance and that would allow a person to file a claim. The Regulatory Authority shall make the information available to any person wishing to file a claim.
 - c) **Annual Fee** – Any Partial Exemption Permit issued shall be automatically suspended for lack of payment of the required fee, or for failure to comply with this section, including without limitation any required payments for third party monitoring pursuant to Section 7(1). If Permit Holder's Partial Exemption Permit expires, there is no refund of any fee paid and the Permit Holder must re-apply for a new Partial Exemption Permit should they wish to continue or resume blasting activities within the Municipal Limits.
 1. Should a Permit Holder be considered to be in non-compliance with this Section, they shall be afforded an opportunity of ten (10) days to cure.
 2. Failure to cure under this Section shall cause immediate suspension of the Permit, until same is cured.
 3. Any suspension, hereunder, shall be lifted if the Permit Holder remedies such violation and the Permit will be in effect under its original terms.
 - d) **Inspection of Records** – as a condition of the Partial Exemption Permit, any Permit Holder shall allow the Regulatory Authority's designees to observe all Blasting activity to ensure compliance with this Ordinance and shall make all business records created within the past year and related to the alleged noncompliance available for inspection to the Regulatory Authority, to the extent necessary to ensure compliance and enforcement of this Ordinance. Any request for records shall be fulfilled within 7 days of request.

SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT AND INSPECTION.

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Regulatory Authority and its designated agencies or representatives through all means available by law.

SECTION 9. SUSPENSIONS AND PENALTIES.

- a) Violation of the Administrative provisions of this Ordinance shall be handled as follows:
 - 1. Should a Permit Holder be considered to be in non-compliance with an Administrative Provision, they shall be afforded an opportunity of ten (10) days to cure prior to suspension of the Permit, with the exceptions of 3 through 5 of this subsection.
 - 1.1. Failure to cure under this Section shall cause immediate suspension of the Permit, until same is cured.
 - 1.2. Any suspension, hereunder, shall be lifted if the Permit Holder remedies such violation and the Permit will be in effect under its original terms.
 - 2. Failure of a Permit Holder to cooperate with the Third-Party Monitor shall be considered an Administrative violation of this Ordinance.
 - 3. Failure of a Permit Holder (or Property Owner) to have in effect the requisite amount of insurance, failure to name the City as additional insured, or failure to provide to the Regulatory Authority all information necessary in order to verify such insurance that would allow a person to file a claim, shall be an Administrative violation of this Ordinance.
 - 3.1. Failure to comply under this Section shall cause immediate suspension of the Permit, until same is cured.
 - 3.2. Any suspension, hereunder, shall be lifted if the Permit Holder remedies such violation and the Permit will be in effect under its original terms.
 - 4. Failure to pay the initial fee by the date the Partial Exemption Permit is set to be issued shall be an Administrative violation of this Ordinance.
 - 4.1. This failure to pay shall delay issuance until same is cured.
 - 4.2. Any subsequent renewal fee not paid by the date of any subsequent renewal of such Permit shall cause immediate suspension of such permit until same is cured. Any suspension, hereunder, shall be lifted if the Permit Holder remedies such violation and the Permit will be in effect under its original terms.
 - 5. Failure to provide access and/or inspection of records constitutes a voluntary suspension of any such Partial Exemption Permit effective upon the failure by the Permit Holder until same is cured. Any suspension, hereunder, shall be lifted if the Permit Holder remedies such violation and the Permit will be in effect under its original terms.
- b) Violation of any USBM standard in this Ordinance (numerical PPV or Air Overpressure limit violation) is classified as a Class C misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not greater than \$500 per violation.
- c) Violation of any provision of this Ordinance that affects fire safety, zoning, or public health and sanitation shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,000 per violation upon conviction.
- d) Each violation of any USBM standard in this Ordinance (numerical PPV or Air Overpressure limit violation) constitutes a separate violation and each day such a violation occurs is a separate violation.
- e) The remedies provided for in this Ordinance are not exclusive of any other remedies that the City may have under state or federal law. The City may take more than one enforcement action against any violator and enforcement actions may be taken concurrently.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of the Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance, but they shall remain in effect; it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall remain in effect notwithstanding the validity of any part. In the event that changes are made to Texas Health & Safety Code §§ 342 or 343, or Texas Transportation Code § 683, the provisions of state law will govern in the event of a conflict.

SECTION 11. INTERIM COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES.

This interim compliance procedure provision shall be effective until the new permits are issued by the City. During this interim period, any permit issued under the prior Ordinance 34 shall remain in effect so long as the Permit Holder is attempting to come into compliance with this Ordinance; however, any blasting activity must be conducted in compliance with this Ordinance. Any pending blasting application submitted before the adoption of this ordinance may be approved by the City Administrator provided the application and its content is in substantial compliance with the applicable provisions of this Ordinance. Any such interim approval shall expire upon the expiration of this interim period and is not subject to extension.

SECTION 12. NOTICE.

The City Secretary for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, is hereby directed to publish notice of this Ordinance as required by the laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 13. FEES.

All fees assessed in this Ordinance shall be determined by amending Ordinance No. 11 which is the Regulatory Authority's Fees ordinance and are subject to change without prior notice. Such fees shall be revisited by the City Council after one year of the effective date of this Ordinance to determine whether such fees remain merited or justified and/or should be increased or decreased.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE.

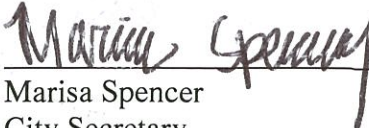
This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON this 2nd day of July, 2019.



Larry Thompson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

Request for Partial Exemption Permit to Conduct Blasting Instruction Sheet

To be considered for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct Blasting as defined in City of Garden Ridge, Texas Ordinance 34, please prepare a letter addressed to the attention of the City Administrator for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266. For purposes of **Attachment A**, Property Owner means the Hanson SERVTEX Quarry and its agents or duly authorized designee.

In the letter, please include:

1. The name of the Property Owner;
2. The name of the Applicant, if other than the Property Owner;
3. Written designation of the Applicant/Designee by the Property Owner, granting authority of the Applicant/Designee to act on behalf of the Property Owner;
4. The name of the Applicant/Designee's representative for purposes of the application (if the Applicant/Designee is not a natural person);
5. Copies of any state or federal licenses and permits authorizing the Applicant to possess and use explosives.
6. Complete contact information, including name, address, phone number, facsimile number and e-mail address for the City's use in processing the application. The contact information provided shall be used for all communications in connection with the processing of the application and the operation;
7. A full description of the designee's legal and factual relationship to the property(ies) upon which the Blasting shall be conducted;
8. A detailed description of the operation to be conducted;
9. The period of time the anticipated use shall continue;
10. Any supplemental information requested and deemed pertinent by the City Administrator;
11. Any supplemental information the designee deems pertinent prior to City Council consideration;

Also, include with your letter, the attachments identified below:

1. Identify all real property where the activity of Blasting shall be conducted by street address (if any) and legal description. Any property not listed will not be included in any permit, if authorized. If multiple properties are to be considered, and some are not within the City limits, but are within the City's extra-territorial jurisdictional limits, please include each property in the list but designate the property with the comment: "ETJ Property".
2. A plan view drawing completed under seal by a licensed professional surveyor or civil engineer to appropriate scale, showing all properties listed for inclusion into the Partial Exemption Permit for Blasting.
3. If you are not the owner of the real property, a letter from the Owner executed before a notary, that they are the owner of the property and authorize the Permit Holder to act on their behalf in relation to blasting activities on the property.
4. Documentation and facts demonstrating that the Requestor's Blasting operation is going to be conducted in a manner that minimizes its related adverse impact on surrounding properties through compliance with the Ordinance. Please specifically list all steps taken, such as distance limitations related to adjacent properties, use of berms and any dust and noise remediation efforts, etc.
5. Documentation and facts demonstrating efforts by designee to protect and mitigate the perceived negative adverse effects such activity has on real property values, public safety, health & welfare interests, including the quality of life within the City, neighboring properties and the public.
6. Payment of the appropriate application fee, including any related City fees for monitoring blasting for each permitted Partial Exemption Permit site.

All applications for Partial Exemption Permits to conduct Blasting activities shall be submitted for review to the City Administrator, who shall route such permit to determine whether the request is complete. If incomplete, the City shall inform the designee what aspects of the application are insufficient and will provide the designee seven (7) business days to supplement and/or modify the application to permit it to be placed for City Council consideration as a completed application. Typically, it will take approximately sixty (60) days for review.

If the application meets all criteria provided by the ordinance as determined by the City, or by subsequent supplementation as provided in the determination of the City, the permit request shall be scheduled for City Council action as provided below for complete applications. Any application considered incomplete shall not be considered for approval by City Council. Any application that remains incomplete for a period of more than 60 days shall be considered withdrawn.

If the request is found complete, the City Administrator shall place the matter on the next regular City Council meeting agenda for action (but may include it on an agenda for a specially called meeting at his/her discretion). If the City Council approves the permit, the City Administrator shall issue a Partial Exemption Permit to the Applicant, which is not transferable or assignable and is subject to suspension under the terms of the Ordinance.

Attachment B

Citizen Blasting Complaints – Alternative Dispute Resolution

For citizen complaints regarding blasting under a continuous blasting permit issued pursuant to Ordinance 34 there shall be available a voluntary Alternative Dispute Resolution Process (“ADR”) which shall be administered by the Property Owner.

Unless otherwise agreed by the Property Owner the claim will be limited to physical property damage not to exceed \$10,000.00. The ADR will be non-binding. For purposes of the ADR, Property Owner means the Hanson SERVTEX Quarry or their duly appointed ADR representative.

Complainants must be an owner of the property affected and the property must be within the city limits of the City of Garden Ridge. The Complainant must agree that as a participant in the ADR process that this process is governed by and they will be bound by the confidentiality provisions of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code § 154.073.

Initiation of a claim

Complainants will initiate a claim by submitting a claim form using a “user friendly” on-line process. In the claim form, the Complainant will describe the alleged damage, when it occurred, and the amount they are seeking as compensation. No interest or attorneys' fees may be awarded.

Pre-ADR Process

Once a claim is submitted, Property Owner will meet with the Complainant at his or her property to inspect and discuss the alleged damage and amount of compensation sought.

If requested by the Complainant, and determined to be warranted by the Property Owner, an industry technical expert shall prepare a Damage Claim Assessment for the incident.

If the Complainant is not satisfied with the proposed resolution by the Property Owner in the Pre-ADR, the Complainant can request a hearing.

Requirements for a Hearing

If the Complainant requests a hearing, they can present their claim to a panel of three independent industry technical experts (“Panel”). The Panel will meet quarterly to hear qualified complaints.

A complaint shall qualify for a hearing only if the Panel determines that on its face, the complaint meets the minimum scientific requirements for a violation. This determination shall be made within 15 days of request of the hearing.

All costs of the ADR Process, including those of the hearing itself, any preliminary reviews, and the costs of the industry technical experts as selected by the Property Owner in relation thereto, shall be borne by Property Owner but in no event to exceed \$2,000.00 per hearing.

The following are the scientific requirements that must be met by the Complainant in order to qualify for a hearing, based on the category of the complaint:

- **For a Distance Complaint:** The complaint must be based on a blast that occurs closer than either 500 feet from the nearest adjacent property line or the berm contour (for quarry operations) on the subject property from the nearest adjacent property line, whichever distance is greater, or for which the owner of the affected real property(s) has issued written permission.
- **For a Timing Complaint:** The complaint must be based on a blast that occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, or outside the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (unless the blast has been approved to take place outside these timeframes under the public safety exception by the Chief of Police or City Administrator of the City).
- **For an Air Blast Complaint:** The complaint must be based on a blast that exceeds 134dB as recorded by any monitor designated by the City.
- **For a Ground Vibration Complaint:** The complaint must be based on a blast that exceeds the frequency based PPV limit of the USBM Z Curve as recorded by any monitor designated by the City.
- **For an Air Particulate Limit Complaint:** The complaint must be based on a blast that exceeds the lowest permissible limits as identified in any required state or federal permits for this site obtained by Property Owner.
- **For a Noise Limit Complaint:** The complaint must be based on a blast that exceeds 85 dBA as recorded by any monitor designated by the City at the designated property line or a residence (this noise limit does not apply to Air Blast complaints).
- **For a Flyrock Complaint:** The complaint must be based on a blast for which there is evidence that flyrock was cast from the blasting site beyond the area under control of the Property Owner or, if so designated, the Permit Holder.

If the Panel determines that a hearing is *not* warranted, the complaint shall be forwarded directly to the Property Owner for independent resolution with the Complainant. At any time after the request for a hearing is denied, the Complainant is free to take any other action they see fit.

If the Panel determines that a hearing *is* warranted, a hearing will be scheduled within 30 days of the filing of the complaint.

At any time prior to the hearing, Property Owner can choose not to contest the complaint and can settle the claim with the Complainant.

Hearing Procedure

At the hearing, the Panel will hear the Complainant's claim and any rebuttal evidence presented by the Property Owner. *The burden of proof is on the Complainant to prove that the blasting caused the claimed damage.* The Complainant must prove by a "preponderance of the evidence" (i.e., more than 50%), that the blasting caused the alleged damage.

Before the hearing, the Property Owner will provide monitoring data to the Complainant and the Panel for all blasts around the time the alleged damage occurred.

The Panel will use the monitoring data and science based on USBM standards to determine by a "preponderance of the evidence" whether the evidence points to blasting having caused the claimed damage. If the Panel finds that the blast caused the damage, the Panel will also determine the amount of the damage claim. The Panel shall have the authority to award damages in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. The Panel will prepare a written decision within 30 days of the completion of the hearing and will provide a copy to the Complainant and the Property Owner.

Order of Hearing:

At the hearing, both the Complainant and the Property Owner will have the opportunity to present evidence regarding the complaint to the Panel. The Panel will have the opportunity to review such evidence in making its determination. With this in mind, written evidence is the preferred method of presentation.

The following describes the order of the hearing:

1. Complainant will be afforded ten (10) minutes for Opening Remarks.
2. Property Owner or, if so designated, the Permit Holder will be afforded ten (10) minutes for Opening Remarks.
3. Complainant will be afforded twenty (20) minutes to present its evidence to the Panel. If such evidence is in writing, such evidence should consist of all proof of damages and any evidence in the form of causation connecting such damage to a specific blast(s). If such documentation is in the form of witness testimony, it should be in the form a sworn notarized statement. *
4. Property Owner will be afforded twenty (20) minutes to present its evidence to the Panel refuting any claim of Complainant. If such documentation is in the form of witness testimony, it should be in the form a sworn notarized statement. *

* Although written evidence is the preferred method, testimonial evidence may be taken by the Panel at the sole discretion of the Panel upon a finding of good cause. If such a determination is made, the Presiding Officer of the Panel (determined by the Panel at the start of the hearing) shall have the authority to administer oaths, and testimony hereunder shall be sworn.

5. Complainant will have five (5) minutes to refute any testimony brought by Property Owner.
6. Complainant will have five (5) minutes for Closing Remarks.

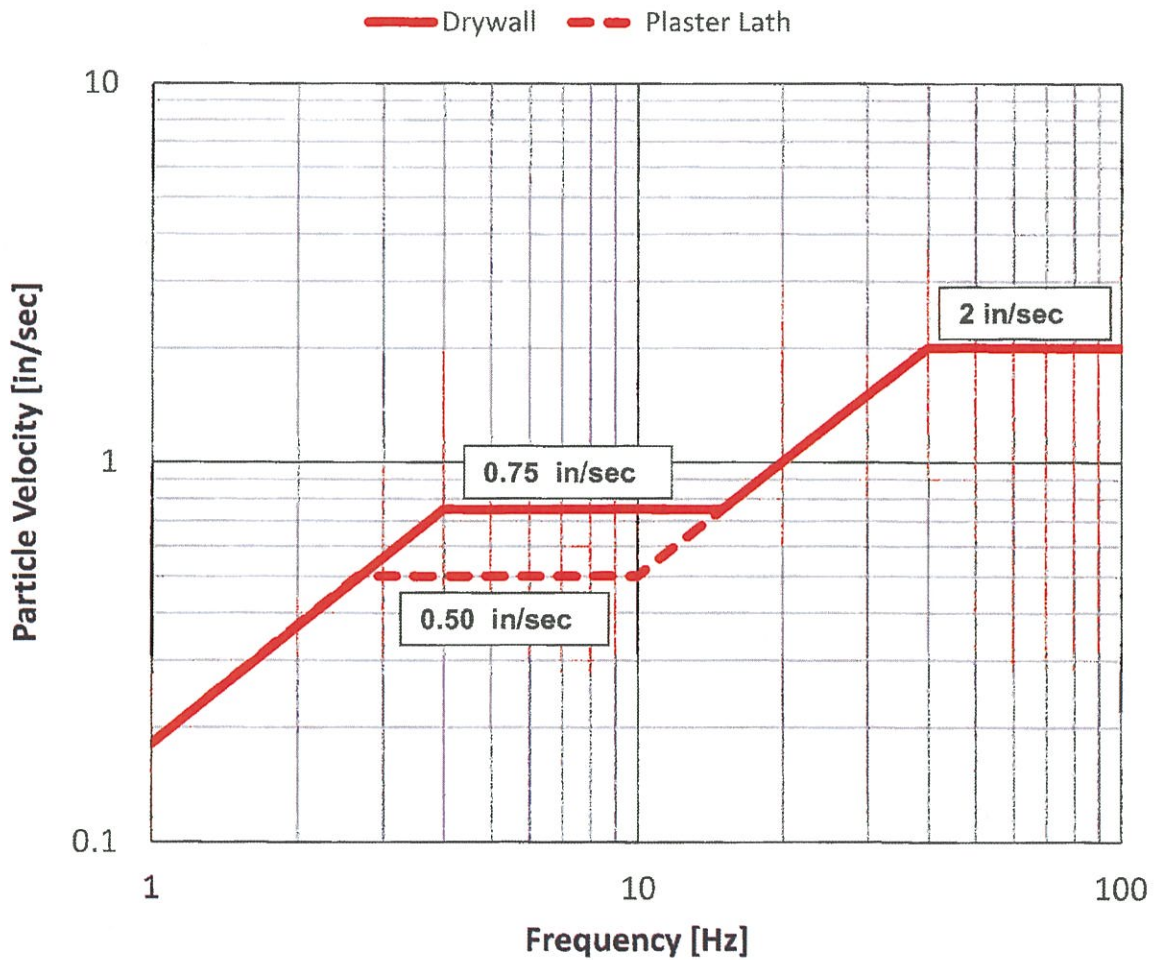
7. Property Owner will have five (5) minutes for Closing Remarks.
8. Complainant will have one (1) additional minute to refute Property Owner's Closing Remarks.
9. The Panel will close the Hearing.
10. The Panel will make a determination whether or not there is a need to go into closed session to discuss any matter presented.
11. The Panel will make one of the following determinations:
 - a. A finding of causation and grant the full amount of damages claimed by the Complainant;
 - b. A finding of causation and grant a lesser amount of damages claimed by the Complainant;
 - c. A finding of no causation and grant no damages to the Complainant.

Attachment C

Ground Vibration

Safe levels of Blasting Vibration

(Figure B-1, Page 73, US Bureau of Mines RI 8507)



Note:

1. Vibration levels measured at the Seismographs installed at the Residential Structures in accordance with USBM requirements.
2. Most if not all the structures within the City of Garden Ridge are newer construction "Drywall" structures, therefore Solid line applies.

Attachment D

500 ft. from nearest property boundary



Note:

1. Line represents 500 ft. distance from the nearest property boundary. Exact distance to be determined using licensed surveyor.
2. Any berms or berm contours outside 500 ft. distance from the nearest property boundary could be located or relocated within this 500 ft. area so that no blasting occurs in this area except in accordance with Ordinance 34.