
City Council Special Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Finance

FROM: Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager

MEETING: August 12, 2024

SUBJECT:

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the proposed homestead exemption for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. *(Staff Contact: Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager)*

SUMMARY:

On August 5, 2024, the city manager filed the proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. On that same day, the city manager delivered a copy of the proposed budget to the city council. At the August 1, 2024, special city council meeting, the city manager presented the proposed budget to the council and members of the public.

As part of the FY2021-2022 budget process, city council approved a 1% residential homestead exemption to be effective for Tax Year 2022 (FY2022-2023). This was the first residential homestead exemption in the history of City of Burleson. As part of the 5 year projections, City staff projected 1% increase each of the following years.

As part of the FY2022-2023 budget process, city council approved a 1% increase to the residential homestead exemption, for a total of 2%, to be effective for Tax Year 2023.

As part of the FY2023-2024 budget process, city council approved a 1% increase to the residential homestead exemption, for a total of 3%, to be effective for Tax Year 2024.

City Council must adopt a homestead exemption before July 1st of the tax year the exemption is effective. A homestead exemption for Tax Year 2025 (FY2025-2026) must be approved by Council prior to July 1, 2025.

Staff are scheduled to present a proposed ordinance that would add another 1% increase to the residential homestead exemption, for a total of 4%, to be effective for Tax Year 2025 (FY2025-2026).

At the August 5, 2024, City Council meeting, staff received a request to evaluate the possibility of increasing the homestead exemption to 5%, to be effective for Tax Year 2025 (FY 2025/2026) instead of the 4%.

OPTIONS:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF CONTACT:

Harlan Jefferson
Deputy City Manager
hjefferson@burlesontx.com
817-426-9651