


**City Council Regular Meeting**

**DEPARTMENT:** Legal  
**FROM:** Matt Ribitzki, Sr. Deputy City Attorney/Director of Legal Services  
**MEETING:** April 6, 2026

**SUBJECT:**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on the selection of a firm to provide delinquent property tax collection services, and consider and take possible action on a minute order directing City staff to terminate the contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP, for delinquent tax collection services. *(Staff Contact: Matt Ribitzki, Sr. Deputy City Attorney/Director of Legal Services)*

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):**

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p><b>High Performing City Organization</b>                      Providing Exceptional, People Focused Services</p>	1.2 Continue to improve the efficiency and productivity of operations 1.3 Deliver high-quality service and communications to external and internal customers

**SUMMARY:**

The City of Burleson has contracted with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP, for delinquent property tax collection services since 1989.

In 2025, at the direction of the City Manager’s Office, the Legal Department, alongside the Purchasing Division, initiated a competitive process to assess the market and confirm the City continues to receive best value for these services. Two highly qualified firms—Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP and Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP—submitted proposals. Both firms have extensive experience providing delinquent tax collection services to cities across Texas, with strong references and proven collection performance. Because the evaluation results were exceptionally close and both firms are capable of providing effective services, City staff sought direction from both the Finance Committee and, later, the City Council.

On December 17, 2025, the Finance Committee discussed the issue of selecting a delinquent tax collection firm and requested staff to bring the item to the full City Council without a recommendation from the committee. On January 20, 2026, the City Council discussed the issue as a report and presentation item and heard from both law firms. Ultimately, the City Council directed City staff to secure the services of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, for delinquent tax collection services. On March 2, 2026, the City Council discussed the issue and did not take action to begin the process of terminating its contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP. At that meeting the City Council directed staff to bring back the item for additional remarks from both vendors before proceeding. City staff reached out to both firms and each firm is prepared to give the City Council a ten to fifteen minute presentation at the meeting before Council determines how to proceed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None.

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

On December 17, 2025, the Finance Committee discussed this item and requested staff to bring the item to the full City Council without a recommendation from the committee.

On January 20, 2026, the City Council discussed its delinquent tax collection services during a report and presentation item and heard from both Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP, and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

On March 2, 2026, the City Council discussed the issue and did not take action to begin the process of terminating its contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP. At that meeting the City Council directed staff to bring back the item for additional remarks from both vendors before proceeding.

**REFERENCE:**

None.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

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