Department Memo

City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: **Finance**

FROM: **Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance**

MEETING: **September 8, 2026**

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action on an ordinance levying the ad valorem property tax of the City of Burleson for Tax Year 2026 on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the city on January 1, 2026, and adopting a tax rate of $0.7298 per $100 of valuation for Tax Year 2026; providing for revenues for payment of current municipal maintenance and operation expenses and payment of interest and principal on outstanding City of Burleson debt; providing for enforcement of collections; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing a savings clause and an effective date; and finding that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public. The proposed tax rate does not exceed the no-new-revenue tax rate. (First Reading) *(Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
High Performing City Organization Providing Exceptional, People Focused Services	1.4 Be a responsible steward of the city's financial resources by providing rates and fees that represent a strong value to our citizens; providing timely, accurate and transparent financial reporting; and utilizing long-range planning.

SUMMARY:

On August 3, 2026, the City Manager formally filed the proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and provided a copy of the proposed budget to the City Council in accordance with the City's annual budget development and adoption process. The proposed budget establishes the financial framework for providing municipal services, funding operational priorities, and implementing the City Council's strategic objectives during the upcoming fiscal year.

At the August 10, 2026, Special City Council meeting, the City Manager presented the proposed budget to the City Council and members of the public. As part of the City's consideration of the proposed budget and property tax rate, the City Council voted to establish a proposed maximum tax rate for Tax Year 2026. Establishing the proposed maximum tax rate identifies the highest property tax rate the City Council may consider for adoption as the budget and tax rate process moves forward. The City Council may ultimately adopt a tax rate that is lower than the proposed maximum tax rate but may not adopt a rate exceeding the proposed maximum without restarting the applicable statutory process.

The proposed ordinance will establish a property tax rate of $0.7298 per $100 of taxable valuation for Tax Year 2026. Property tax revenues generated by the adopted rate will support the City's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget, including funding for general municipal operations and the City's debt service obligations. Adoption of the ordinance represents the final legislative action by the City Council to establish the City's property tax rate for Tax Year 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopting the ordinance levying the ad valorem property tax of the City of Burleson for Tax Year 2026 on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the city on January 1, 2026, and adopting a tax rate not to exceed $0.7298 per $100 of valuation for Tax Year 2026

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

At the August 10, 2026, Special City Council meeting, the City Manager presented the proposed budget to the council and members of the public.

At the same meeting, the City Council approved a resolution proposing a maximum 2026 tax rate of $0.7298 per $100 value and set the date and time of the public hearing on the proposed tax rate for September 8, 2026.

REFERENCE:

Adopt the ordinance levying the ad valorem property tax of the City of Burleson for Tax Year 2026 on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the city on January 1, 2026, and adopting a tax rate of $0.7298 per $100 of valuation for Tax Year 2026

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

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