THE CITY OF BURLESON TEXAS

Department Memo

City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: **Finance**

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

MEETING: **September 8, 2026**

SUBJECT:

Hold a public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax rate for Tax Year 2026. The proposed tax rate is $0.7298 per $100 valuation. The proposed tax rate does not exceed the no-new-revenue tax rate. (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. This agenda item is to hold a public hearing and allow members of the public to address the City Council regarding the city's proposed tax rate for the Tax Year 2026. A copy of the public hearing notice is available below.

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of $0.7298 per $100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the City of Burleson

PROPOSED TAX RATE	$0.7298	per $100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	$0.7298	per $100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	$0.7468	per $100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Burleson from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that the City of Burleson 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 the City of Burleson is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON Tuesday, September 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m at City Hall, 141 W. Renfro, Burleson, Texas 76028.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of Burleson 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 of Burleson of Johnson and Tarrant County at their offices 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 proposed tax rate or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Chris Fletcher, Victoria Johnson, Phil Anderson, Alexa Boedeker, Larry Scott, Dan McClendon, and Adam Russell

AGAINST the proposal: N/A

PRESENT and not voting: N/A

ABSENT: N/A

Visit 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 Texas 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 the City of Burleson last year to the taxes proposed to the be imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Burleson this year.

	2025	**2026**	**Change**
Total Tax Rate (per $100 of value)	$ 0.7218	$ 0.7298	Increase of $0.0080 or 1.11%
Average Homestead taxable value	$ 302,745	$ 300,697	Decrease of $2,047 or 0.68%
Tax on Average Homestead	$ 2,185	$ 2,194	Increase of $9 or 0.42%
Total Tax Levy on all properties	$ 46,695,592	$ 47,687,305	Increase of $991,712 or 2.12%

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

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:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF CONTACT:

Kevin Hennessey
Director of Finance
khennessey@burlesontx.com
817-426-9651