

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLESON, TEXAS, LEVYING THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX OF THE CITY OF BURLESON, TEXAS, FOR THE 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 2026; PROVIDING REVENUES FOR PAYMENT OF CURRENT MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENSES AND FOR PAYMENT OF INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL ON OUTSTANDING CITY OF BURLESON DEBT; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF COLLECTIONS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, on or about August 3, 2026, the City Manager of the City of Burleson (the "City") filed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-27 with the City Secretary in accordance with state law; and

WHEREAS, on or before August 7, 2026, the City Council of the City of Burleson received the tax rate calculations on the forms prescribed by the comptroller, and such forms and other information were posted to the City's website in accordance with state law; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2026, the City Council passed a resolution proposing a tax rate of \$0.7298 per \$100 of valuation for the 2026 tax year, and such tax rate does not exceed the no-new-revenue tax rate; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public meeting to vote on the tax rate was published on August 21, 2026, in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, in accordance with state law; and

WHEREAS, an additional notice of the public meeting on the tax rate was published in the *Cleburne Times Review*; and

WHEREAS, notice of the tax rate and public meeting on the tax rate was posted on the City's website and PEG channel in accordance with state law; and

WHEREAS, City staff contacted the chief appraisers of the Central Appraisal District of Johnson County and Tarrant Appraisal District and verified the requirements of Section 26.05(d-1) of the Texas Tax Code were met in accordance with state law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the proposed tax rate, and such public hearing was held on September 8, 2026, prior approval of such date being hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Council, and all those wishing to speak on the tax rate were heard; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-27, and such public hearing was held on September 8, 2026, prior approval of such date being hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Council, and all those wishing to speak on the proposed budget were heard; and

WHEREAS, the meetings at which the public hearings and the first and final readings of this ordinance took place were properly noticed in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code § 551.001, et. seq.); and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance sets a tax rate of \$0.7298 per \$100 of valuation that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose an amount of taxes to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the City that exceeds the amount of taxes imposed for that purpose in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has studied tax rate of \$0.7298 per \$100 of valuation and listened to the comments of the taxpayers at the public hearing held, and has determined that the 2026 tax rate of tax rate of \$0.7298 per \$100 of valuation is in the best interest of the City and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLESON, TEXAS:

Section 1

That all of the above premises are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

Section 2

That by authority of the Charter of the City of Burleson, Texas, and the laws of the State of Texas, there is hereby levied and adopted for the tax year 2026, on all taxable property situated within the corporate limits of the City of Burleson, Texas, on January 1, 2026, a tax rate of \$0.7298 for each \$100 of taxable value.

Section 3

That of the total tax rate, \$0.5013 for each \$100 of taxable value is hereby included, adopted and shall be distributed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the City in accordance with Section 26.05(a)(2) of the Texas Tax Code and any other applicable laws. **THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 0.10 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$0.50.**

Section 4

That of the total tax rate, \$0.2285 for each \$100 of taxable value is hereby included, adopted, and shall be distributed to pay the City's debt service as provided by Sections 26.04(e)(3)(C) and 26.05(a)(l) of the Texas Tax Code and any other applicable laws.

Section 5

That the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, shall notify the tax assessor-collectors of Johnson and Tarrant counties of the ad valorem tax rate adopted by the City in this Ordinance before September 30, 2026.

Section 6

That the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, shall include the following statement on the homepage of the City's Internet website: **THE CITY OF BURLESON, TEXAS, ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 0.10 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$0.50.**

Section 7

That for enforcement of the collection of taxes hereby levied the City of Burleson shall have available all rights and remedies provided by law.

Section 8

That any and all ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, policies or provisions in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and rescinded to the extent of conflict herewith.

Section 9

That if any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance, or application thereto any person or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this Ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10

That the necessity of adopting and approving a proposed budget for the next fiscal year as

required by the laws of the State of Texas requires that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is accordingly so ordained.

Section 11

That the City Council finds at that meeting adopting this Ordinance there was a quorum present and finds further that said meeting was held in accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code § 551.001, et. seq.

Section 12

That the City Secretary is hereby directed to record this Ordinance and the vote to adopt the tax rate.

PASSED AND APPROVED _____ day of _____, 20_____.

FIRST READING - SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

The motion to approve this Ordinance was made by _____
and seconded by _____, and the Ordinance was passed
and approved by the vote [AYE _____ - NAY _____]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chris Fletcher, Mayor				
Victoria Johnson, Place 1				
Phil Anderson, Place 2				
Alexa Boedeker, Place 3				
Larry Scott, Place 4				
Dan McClendon, Place 5				
Adam Russell, Place 6				

FINAL READING - SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

The motion to approve this Ordinance was made by _____
and seconded by _____, and the Ordinance was passed
and approved by the vote [AYE _____ - NAY _____]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chris Fletcher, Mayor				
Victoria Johnson, Place 1				
Phil Anderson, Place 2				
Alexa Boedeker, Place 3				
Larry Scott, Place 4				
Dan McClendon, Place 5				
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Chris Fletcher, Mayor
City of Burleson, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amanda Campos, City Secretary

E. Allen Taylor, Jr., City Attorney