

City of Dripping Springs

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Adoption Ordinance

ORDINANCE No. 2026-##

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES; RATIFYING THE PROPERTY-TAX REVENUE INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR FILING AND POSTING; PROVIDING A REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

- WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Dripping Springs, Texas (the City Council), has caused a proposed municipal budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 to be prepared and filed as required by Chapter 102 of the Texas Local Government Code;
- WHEREAS,** the City Council held a public hearing on the proposed budget on September 1, 2026, after notice was provided as required by law;
- WHEREAS,** the proposed budget is attached to this Ordinance as Attachment A and is incorporated by reference;
- WHEREAS,** the budget reflects an increase in property-tax revenue over the prior fiscal year and requires a separate vote to ratify the property-tax revenue increase, in addition to the vote adopting the budget; and
- WHEREAS,** the City Council finds that adoption of the fiscal year 2026-2027 municipal budget is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

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

1. FINDINGS OF FACT

The recitals stated above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Ordinance as findings of the City Council.

2. ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET

The City Council adopts the municipal budget for fiscal year 2026-2027, attached as Attachment A, as the budget of the City. The budget includes the revenues, transfers, appropriations, and expenditures for the funds, departments, operations, services, projects, and purposes identified in Attachment A.

3. AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES

Expenditures and transfers are authorized in accordance with the adopted budget, subject to applicable law, City purchasing and financial policies, and any additional approval required by law or City policy. Adoption of the budget does not itself authorize a contract, purchase, debt obligation, or other action requiring separate City Council approval.

4. RATIFICATION OF PROPERTY-TAX REVENUE INCREASE

By a vote separate from the vote adopting this Ordinance and the vote adopting the property tax rate, the City Council ratifies the property-tax revenue increase reflected in the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget, as required by Texas Local Government Code Section 102.007(c).

5. BUDGET ADMINISTRATION AND AMENDMENTS

The City Administrator, or the City Administrator's designee, shall administer the budget in accordance with this Ordinance, applicable law, and City policy. The City Council may amend the budget as authorized by law.

6. FILING AND POSTING

The City Secretary is directed to file the approved budget, including its required cover page, with the City Secretary's office. The City shall post the approved budget, cover page, and the record vote on the City's internet website as required by Texas Local Government Code Section 102.008.

7. REPEALER

All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

8. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the remaining provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To that end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance takes effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

10. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

PASSED & APPROVED this, the ____ day of _____, _____, by a vote of ____ (ayes) to ____ (nays) to ____ (abstentions) of the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas.

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:

by: _____
Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Boone, City Secretary