



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
RESOLUTION**

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**MEETING DATE:** 01/06/2026

**PRESENTER:** Tony Ramirez, Director Economic Development

**TITLE:** Adoption of the City of Grand Prairie Tax Abatement Policy

**REVIEWING COMMITTEE:**

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**PURPOSE OF REQUEST:**

To request City Council approval of the updated City of Grand Prairie General Tax Abatement Policy, which provides standardized guidelines and criteria for evaluating and administering property tax abatement requests under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. The Policy is designed to:

- Promote responsible economic development and private investment within the City;
- Support the creation and retention of quality jobs;
- Encourage capital investment in targeted industries and geographic areas;
- Ensure transparency, consistency, and accountability in the City’s use of economic incentives;
- Align with the City’s long-term economic development strategy and fiscal planning objectives.

**PROCUREMENT DETAILS:**

Procurement Method:  Cooperative/Interlocal  RFB/RFP  Sole Source  Professional Services  Exempt

**ATTACHMENTS / SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Exhibit A: Tax Abatement Policy

**BODY**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE GENERAL TAX ABATEMENT POLICY, PROVIDING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 312 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grand Prairie seeks to promote responsible economic development that enhances the community’s tax base, supports job creation, and encourages private capital investment; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code authorizes municipalities to adopt guidelines and criteria for tax abatement agreements and requires that such policies be reauthorized in order to remain in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff has prepared a proposed General Tax Abatement Policy to ensure clarity, consistency, and alignment with best practices in evaluating requests for property tax abatements; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Tax Abatement Policy is intended to encourage private investment in targeted economic development areas and strategic industries that benefit the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Policy provides a clear and consistent framework for evaluating abatement requests, ensuring transparency, accountability, and equitable treatment of applicants; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Tax Abatement Policy is effective for a period of two (2) years and must be reauthorized by the City Council every two (2) years in order to remain in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, any amendment, modification, or repeal of the Policy during its two-year effective period must be approved by at least a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that adoption of the General Tax Abatement Policy is in the best interest of the residents and businesses of Grand Prairie.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council hereby approves and adopts the City of Grand Prairie General Tax Abatement Policy, attached hereto as “**Exhibit A**” and incorporated herein for all purposes.

**SECTION 2.** The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to administer and implement the Policy, evaluate tax abatement requests, negotiate terms consistent with the Policy, and present qualified projects for City Council consideration.

**SECTION 3.** The General Tax Abatement Policy adopted herein shall remain in effect for a period of two (2) years from the date of this Resolution unless reauthorized by the City Council. Any amendment, modification, or repeal of the Policy during its effective period shall require approval by at least three-fourths (3/4) of the City Council.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE,  
TEXAS, ON THIS THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2026.**