



**AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS**

Pat Bryson Municipal Hall
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Tuesday, September 23, 2025
Special Meeting at 5:30 PM



**Mayor – Christine DeLisle
Place 1 – Stephen Chang
Place 2 – Michael Herrera
Place 3 – David McDonald**

**Place 4 – Na'Cole Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem
Place 5 – Andrew Naudin
Place 6 – Becki Ross
City Manager – Todd Parton**

The meeting will also be live-streamed at the following link: <https://www.leandertx.gov/video>.

SPECIAL MEETING – CONVENE AT 5:30 PM

1. Open Meeting.
2. Roll Call.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Discuss and consider action on the Second Reading of an Ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Leander, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2026; providing for and apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when the same shall become delinquent if not paid.
4. Adjournment

CERTIFICATION

This meeting will be conducted pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. At any time during the meeting the Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session on any of the above posted agenda for which state law authorizes Executive Session to be held, including but not limited to Sections 551.071 [litigation and certain Consultation with attorney], 551.072 [acquisition of interest in real property], 551.073 [prospective gift to city], 551.074 [certain personnel deliberations], 551.076 [deployment/implementation of security personnel or devices], or 551.087 [Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations]. The City of Leander is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call the City Secretary at (512) 528-2743 for information. Hearing impaired or speech disabled persons equipped with telecommunication devices for the deaf may call (512) 528-2800. I certify that the above agenda for this meeting of the City Council of the City of Leander, Texas, was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall in Leander, Texas, on the 15 day of September 2025 by 5:00 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Dara Crabtree, City Secretary, TRMC



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
9/23/2025

AGENDA SUBJECT:

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BACKGROUND:

A public hearing was held on September 18, 2025 to adopt the proposed tax rate. In addition, the City Charter requires two (2) readings for any ordinance levying taxes. On August 21, 2025, the City Council voted to consider a tax rate not to exceed \$0.4348432 per \$100 valuation. The No-New-Revenue Rate is calculated as \$0.428187. The Tax Rate consists of two (2) parts — the Debt Rate and the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Rate. The City Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2026 (FY 2026) budget is based on a tax rate of \$0.417282, 2.5% lower than the No-New-Revenue Rate and the same as the FY 2025 rate (\$0.417282). The proposed FY 2026 rate consists of an operating rate of \$0.273604 and a debt rate of \$0.143678. This is lower than the maximum voter-approval rate, which is \$0.438432 (5% lower).

The City Council adopted a budget for FY 2026 on September 18, 2025. This is the second and final reading of the tax rate ordinance for the ad valorem tax rate.

If a taxing entity approves a tax rate below the voter-approval-rate, the entity may "carry-forward" the unused increment to be available in the following year, up to a maximum of three (3) years. The City's unused increment rate for M&O is \$0.004399.

HISTORY/TIMELINE:

09/18/2025 - City Council considered First Reading of Ordinance.

APPLICANT/AGENT:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.

PRESENTER:

Otis Williams, Chief Financial Officer

Fiscal Impact

Attachments:

1. Tax Rate Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026; PROVIDING FOR AND APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Leander, Texas, has deliberated the proposed municipal budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that an ordinance be passed levying an ad valorem tax on all property, both real and personal, within the corporate limits of the City of Leander, Texas in accordance with such budget and the Texas Tax Code.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use, support and operation of the municipal government of the City of Leander and to provide an interest and sinking fund for the fiscal year, upon all property, real, personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of the City subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.417282 for each \$100.00 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned for the following specific purposes;

- (a) For the current expenses, maintenance and operation of the general government (General Fund), \$0.273604 on each \$100.00 valuation for property, and
- (b) For the interest and sinking fund, \$0.143678 on each \$100.00 valuation of property.

SECTION 2. The Maintenance and Operations tax rate does not exceed the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.280537 by \$0.006933 per \$100.00.

- (a) THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

SECTION 3. Taxes levied under this Ordinance shall be due October 1, 2025 and if not paid on or before January 31, 2026, shall immediately become delinquent.

SECTION 4. Taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the Travis County Tax Assessor/Collector within Travis County, and the Williamson County Tax Assessor/Collector within Williamson County, respectively, as the assessor and collector of taxes for the City of Leander, are hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes, according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and ordinances of the City, and shall, and, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property whether real, personal or mixed for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest. The penalty and interest collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned between the General Fund and the Interest and Sinking Fund of the City of Leander. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from date of delinquency at the rate prescribed by state law.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED First Reading this the 18th day of September, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED Second Reading this the 23rd day of September, 2025.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS

Dara Crabtree, City Secretary

Christine DeLisle, Mayor