



Regular 09/09/2025  
Item # 15  
CCM/O 2025-011

## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM FOR ORDINANCE

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Approval: Yousry Zakhary

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### Set Tax Rate

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#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Consider an Ordinance setting the tax rate for FY 2026. **(EMERGENCY READING)**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Chapter 26 of the Texas Property Tax Code requires taxing units to comply with truth-in-taxation laws when adopting their tax rates and requires a municipality to provide notice of the proposed property tax rate. The notice required by Property Tax Code Section 26.065 was published in the Waco Tribune on September 4, 2025.

The City has complied with all provisions of the truth-in-taxation laws regarding the adoption of the tax rate.

The City Manager's proposed FY 2026 Budget used the proposed tax rate of 38.2358¢ per \$100 valuation. On August 12, 2025, the Bellmead City Council set the proposed tax rate at the rate of 38.2358¢ per \$100 valuation. The proposed tax rate represents the maximum rate that can be adopted for the FY 2026 Budget. The no-new-revenue tax rate for FY 2026 (2025 tax year) is 32.7983¢. The voter-approval tax rate for FY 2026 (2025 tax year) is 33.7614¢.

It is now necessary that City Council adopt a final tax rate to support the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget. Texas Tax Code requires the vote on an ordinance setting a tax rate that exceeds the no-new-revenue rate to be a record vote and approved by at least sixty (60) percent of the members of the governing body. To set the tax rate above the no-new-revenue rate of 32.7983¢, the ordinance must be approved by at least four (4) members of City Council.

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.382358, which is effectively a 16.58 percent increase in the tax rate.

#### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

Ordinance

**CITY OF BELLMEAD**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-011**

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2025 FOR THE CITY OF BELLMEAD, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLMEAD, TEXAS:**

**SECTION I.**

That there be and is hereby levied an ad valorem tax of \$0.329899 on each one hundred dollars of property owned and situated within the City Limits of the City of Bellmead, Texas, both real and personal and mixed, for General Fund maintenance and operating purposes for the tax year 2025.

**SECTION II.**

That there be and is hereby levied for the use of the City of Bellmead, for the tax year 2025 for permanent improvements, an ad valorem tax of \$0.052459 on each one hundred dollars of real, personal, and mixed property owned and situated in the City Limits of the City of Bellmead, Texas, for the payment of principal and interest on all outstanding bonds and lease payments, not otherwise provided for, of the City of Bellmead.

**SECTION III.**

Wherefore, the combined tax rate in accordance with V.T.C.A. Tax Code Section 26.05 shall be \$0.382358 on each one hundred dollars of real, personal, and mixed property of owned and situated within the City Limits of the City of Bellmead, Texas.

**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 19.74 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$41.91.**

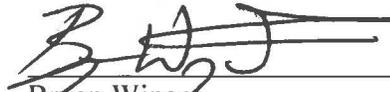
**SECTION IV.**

This Ordinance shall become effective as provided by the Charter of the City of Bellmead, Texas.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on its first reading this the **9th** day of **September, 2025**.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on its second reading this the **9th** day of **September, 2025**.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on its third and final reading this the **9th** day of **September, 2025**.

  
Bryan Winget  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Shannon Garcia  
City Secretary



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

  
City Attorney