

City of Stratford, Texas
August 5, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Stratford, Texas will meet in Special Session on:
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 5:00 pm
Location: City Hall, 518 N. Third Street

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer

2. Council Business

- a. Consider and take appropriate action on a proposed combined tax rate not to exceed 0.760450/\$100 valuation and add an action item on the August 25, 2026 agenda for introduction and an action item on the September 22, 2026 agenda for final action to adopt the FY 2027 property tax rate
- b. Consider and take appropriate action to receive the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget and schedule a public hearing for August 25th, 2026
- c. Consider and take appropriate action to introduce **Ordinance No. 2026-0825** in support of the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget
- d. Discuss and take any actions necessary to the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget

3. Adjourn

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I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted on **August 5, 2026** at City Hall, visible to the public at all times and remained posted continuously for at least three business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Kathy Rendon, City Secretary

CITY OF STRATFORD
NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE
ON TAX RATE

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.76045 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.76045 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.839211 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Stratford, Texas from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that the City of Stratford, Texas may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new revenue tax rate. This means that the City of Stratford, Texas is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A public meeting to vote to introduce the proposed tax rate will be held on August 25th, 2026, at 6:00 pm and a public meeting to vote to adopt the proposed tax rate will be held on September 22, 2026, at 6:00 pm. Both meetings will be held at City Hall, at 518 N. Third Street, Stratford, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of Stratford, Texas is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of the City of Stratford, Texas at their offices or by attending the public meetings mentioned above.

	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Position Vacant, Mayor				X
Joe Zak, Mayor Pro-Tem				
Brad Reed, Council Member				
Michael Hood, Council Member				
Misti McBryde Council Member				
Ray Lerman, Council Member				

Your taxes owed under any of the above rates can be calculated as follows:

Property tax amount = tax rate x taxable value of your property / 100

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Stratford, Texas last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Stratford, Texas this year:

	2025	2026	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 value)	\$0.820486	\$0.76045	Decrease of \$0.060036 per \$100 or 7.3%
Average homestead taxable value	\$129,000	\$140,056	Increase of \$11,056 or 8.6%
Tax on average homestead	\$1058.43	\$1,065.06	Increase of \$6.63 or 0.6%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$132,992,910	\$135,582,009	Increase of \$2,589,099 or 1.9%

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact:

Sherman County Appraisal District

Phone: 806-366-5566 / Email: ccopley@shermancad.org