

**City of Amarillo, Texas
City Council Regular Meeting
September 29, 2026**

Cole Stanley, Mayor
Tim Reid, Councilmember Place 1
Don Tipps, Councilmember Place 2
David Prescott, Councilmember Place 3
Les Simpson, Councilmember Place 4



Grayson Path, City Manager
Bryan McWilliams, City Attorney
Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary

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3:00 PM - City Council convenes in Open Session in City Council Chambers.

Call to Order

1. **Public Comment - The public will be permitted to offer public comment on agenda items and items related to City business. Citizens interested in commenting may sign up online at <https://www.amarillo.gov/city-secretary/public-comment-registration-form/>, by calling the City Secretary's office at (806) 378-3014, or in person in Room 3500 of City Hall, 623 S. Johnson. Citizens should sign up at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting start time.**

2. **Non Consent Agenda**

- 2.1. **PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 BUDGET:**

This Budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$2,063,963 which is a 2.58%

increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$1,295,675.

(Lola Ogunremi, Chief Financial Officer)

2.2. PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE:

THE CITY OF AMARILLO IS CONSIDERING A TAX RATE OF \$0.43070, WHICH IS GREATER THAN THE CURRENT RATE.

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 2.9 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$9.00.

(Lola Ogunremi, Chief Financial Officer)

- 2.3. Consideration of Ordinance No. 8270.** This item is the second and final reading of an ordinance adopting the City of Amarillo budget for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. This budget allows for the City to continue providing effective public services, programs and assistance to Amarillo residents in the upcoming year.

TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

(Pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Sec. 551.043 as amended by HB 1522, effective September 1, 2025.)

A copy of the 2026/2027 City of Amarillo Proposed Budget can be found on the city's website

<https://www.amarillo.gov/finance/financial-information/>

Taxpayer Impact Statement - Randall County	FY2025/26 Current Year Tax Rate	FY2026/27 Proposed Tax Rate	FY2026/27 No-New- Revenue Tax Rate
City of Amarillo Total Tax Rate	\$0.43070	\$0.43070	\$0.42170
Median Value Homestead Property	\$245,883	\$249,956	\$249,956
Median Value Homestead Property Tax Bill	\$1,059.02	\$1,076.56	\$1,054.06
Difference to Current Year Tax Bill		\$17.54	-\$4.95

Taxpayer Impact Statement - Potter County	FY2025/26 Current Year Tax Rate	FY2026/27 Proposed Tax Rate	FY2026/27 No-New- Revenue Tax Rate
City of Amarillo Total Tax Rate	\$0.43070	\$0.43070	\$0.42170
Median Value Homestead Property	\$142,107	\$155,852	\$155,852
Median Value Homestead Property Tax Bill	\$612.05	\$671.25	\$657.23
Difference to Current Year Tax Bill		\$59.20	\$45.17

(Lola Ogunremi, Chief Financial Officer)

**2.4. Consideration of Ordinance No. 8271
Approving the City of Amarillo Tax Roll,
Setting an Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate
and Levying a Tax on all Property Subject**

to Taxation within the City for the 2026 Tax Year. This is the second and final reading of an ordinance approving the City of Amarillo tax roll, setting an ad valorem property tax rate and levying a tax on all property subject to taxation within the City for the 2026 tax year. This ordinance establishes an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.32412 per \$100.00 property valuation for City maintenance and operations expenses and \$0.10658 per \$100.00 property valuation for existing debt expenses resulting in a total ad valorem rate of \$0.43070 per \$100.00 property valuation.

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 2.9 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY

\$9.00.

(Lola Ogunremi, Chief Financial Officer)

2.5. RATIFICATION – CITY OF AMARILLO TAX RATE AND BUDGET:

Pursuant to the terms of Tex. Loc. Gov. Code, Sec. 102.007(c), the City Council is required to take a separate ratification vote on the tax rate when the adopted budget requires more property tax revenue than did the previous year's budget.

(Lola Ogunremi, Chief Financial Officer)

2.6. Consideration of Resolution No. 09-22-26-2. This item is the second and final reading to consider a resolution approving the proposed operating budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027 for South Gateway Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 3. (Lola Ogunremi, Chief Financial Officer)

2.7. Consideration of Resolution No. 09-22-26-3. This item is the second and final reading to consider a resolution approving the proposed operating budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027 for Amarillo-Potter Events Venue District. (Lola Ogunremi, Chief Financial Officer)

Adjournment

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I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the electronic bulletin board at City Hall, 623 S. Johnson, Amarillo, Texas, and on the City website (www.amarillo.gov) at least three business days prior to the meeting date in accordance with the Open Meetings Laws of the State of Texas, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

/s/ Stephanie Coggins
Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary