

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-0921

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF HAYS, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027, AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF HAYS, TEXAS FOR THE 2026/2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Whereas, a Proposed Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027, for the City of Hays, Texas (the "City") was duly filed with the City Secretary on or before August 28, 2026, and was duly presented to the City Council by Mayor Bryan-Valdez; and

Whereas, a Notice of Public Hearing on the proposed budget was published in the newspaper of general circulation in Hays County at least ten days before and not more than thirty days before the public hearing and posted on September 9, 2026, and said meeting was held on September 21, 2026, in accordance with said notice, and

Whereas all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard for or against any item within the proposed budget; and

Whereas, after due deliberation and consideration of the proposed budget, the City Council of the City of Hays, Texas (the "City Council") is of the opinion that the budget should be approved and adopted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYS, TEXAS;

SECTION 1. The facts and recitations set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. That the appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027, for the Support, Maintenance and Operation of the General Government of the City of Hays, Texas be fixed and determined for said term in accordance with the expenditures shown in the City's Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

SECTION 3. That the appropriations for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027, for the payment of Debt Service requirements, if any, of the City of Hays be fixed and determined as for said term in accordance with the payments shown in Exhibit "A."

SECTION 4. That the budget, as shown in words and figures in Exhibit "A", is hereby approved in all respects and adopted as the City's Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027, a copy will be held on file with the City Secretary, and the Council approves the property tax rates reflected in the budget.

SECTION 5. The budget attached to this Ordinance, that includes the property tax rates for the 2026-27 fiscal year, including (a) the property tax rate, (b) the no-new-revenue tax rate, (c) the no-new revenue maintenance and operations tax rate, (d) voter-approval tax rate, (e) the de minimis rate and (f) the debt rate, shall be filed with the City Secretary

SECTION 6. Severability: Should any paragraph, sentence, provision, clause, phrase, or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance, as a whole, or any part or provision thereof, other than the part or parts adjudged to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional.

SECTION 7. Repealer: All other ordinances and provisions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of any such conflict or inconsistency and all other provisions of the Code of Ordinances not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect. The repeal of any ordinance or parts thereof by the enactment of this Ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance, nor shall it have the effect of discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, nor as affecting any rights of the City of Hays under any section or provision of any ordinances at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

SECTION 9. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

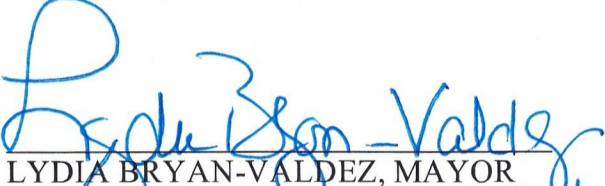
PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 21st day of September 2026, by the City Council of the City of Hays, Texas, by a record of the vote as noted below during a meeting opened to the public, with time, place and purpose given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2026

Now, therefore, Mayor Bryan-Valdez introduced the proposed Ordinance. Councilperson Rae McCorkle made the motion to approve. Councilperson Hannah Ballou seconded the motion, upon roll call, the vote was recorded as:

Mayor Pro Tem McCorkle:	Aye <u>1</u>	; Nay _____	; Abstain _____	; Absent _____
Councilperson Blake:	Aye <u>1</u>	; Nay _____	; Abstain _____	; Absent _____
Councilperson Valdez:	Aye <u>1</u>	; Nay _____	; Abstain _____	; Absent _____
Councilperson Lemman:	Aye <u>1</u>	; Nay _____	; Abstain _____	; Absent _____
Councilperson Ballou:	Aye <u>1</u>	; Nay _____	; Abstain _____	; Absent _____

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.



LYDIA BRYAN-VALDEZ, MAYOR
CITY OF HAYS, TEXAS

09/21/2026

ATTEST:



MEAGAN TANTON, CITY SECRETARY

FILING CERTIFICATE

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY THIS 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.



CITY OF HAYS, TEXAS

City of Hays

Proposed 2026-2027 Budget

This budget uses the Proposed Tax Rate of .0947 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation and will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$1,852 which is a 8.72 percent increase from last year's budget.

		<u>Annual Tax Levy</u>
Last Years Tax Rate	0.0917/\$100	\$24,663
No-New-Revenue Tax Rate	0.0871/\$100	\$24,664
Voter Approval Tax Rate	0.0911/\$100	\$25,527
Proposed Tax Rate	0.0947/\$100	\$26,515
Debt Rate	0.000	\$0.00
Total Amount of Municipal Debt		\$0.00



Lydia Bryan-Valdez, Mayor

09/21/2026

City of Hays, Texas
Proposed Budget
For Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027

	<u>FY27 Proposed Budget</u>		
	General Fund	Proprietary Fund	Total
ESTIMATED BEGINNING CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES	\$ 619,598	\$ 1,192,397	<u>\$ 1,811,995</u>
 <u>Revenue</u>			
BS/EACD Revenue Elliott		4,000	4,000
BS/EACD Revenue - Hays		800	800
Franchise Fees	7,500		7,500
Interest Income	11,000	34,000	45,000
Late Charges		1,600	1,600
Connection Fees		100	100
Debit Card Rewards	70	280	350
Misc Income	500		500
Property Tax	26,515		26,515
Sales Tax	50,000		50,000
Sanitation - ERWS		65,000	65,000
Sanitation - Hays		29,000	29,000
Water Sales - ERWS		215,000	215,000
Water Sales - Hays		50,000	50,000
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>95,585</u>	<u>399,780</u>	<u>495,365</u>
 <u>Expenditures</u>			
Engineering Services	20,000	40,000	60,000
Animal Control	968		968
Ordinance Enforcement	3,000		3,000
Continuing Education	1,833	3,667	5,500
Dues	167	333	500
Election Costs	400		400
Fees	2,000	15,000	17,000
Financial Audit	5,667	11,334	17,000
IT	2,667	5,334	8,000
Internet	500	1,000	1,500
Legal	25,000	10,000	35,000
Liability Insurance	2,667	5,334	8,000
Lobbying			
Maint.-Street/Drainage Repairs	10,000		10,000
Maint. - Buildings & Grounds	6,000		6,000
Maint. - Water Dept. Repairs		30,000	30,000
Office Expenses & Equipment	4,667	9,334	14,000
Payroll and Payroll Taxes	28,333	56,670	85,000

Retirement Fund	1,167	2,333	3,500
Social Service	1,000		1,000
Telephone	1,500	3,000	4,500
Trash (TDS)		96,000	96,000
Travel/Per Diem	833	1,667	2,500
Utilities	4,000	21,000	25,000
Water System Operations		95,000	95,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 122,368</u>	<u>\$ 407,005</u>	<u>529,373</u>
REVENUE IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES	\$ (26,783)	\$ (7,225)	\$ (34,008)
Capital Expenses:			
City Hall Driveway	20,000		20,000
Elliott Ranch filter		40,000	40,000
Repair Streets	\$ 250,000		250,000
ESTIMATED ENDING CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES BEFORE CONTINGENCY AND CAPITAL COSTS	<u><u>\$ 322,815</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,145,172</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,467,987</u></u>