



ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 12, 2026
City Council Chambers
505 West Cameron Avenue,
Rockdale, Texas 76567
5:30 p.m.

Amended 1/7/2026 4:45pm
REGULAR MEETING – AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INVOCATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

1. Receive a presentation from Chad Lechler with BVR.
2. Receive a presentation from the Charter Review Committee regarding their findings and recommendations.
3. Receive a presentation on findings and recommendations of the utility rate study.
4. Receive a presentation on the Rockdale Police Department Annual Racial Profiling Report for 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA- All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Information concerning consent agenda items is available for public review.

5. Minutes of regular meeting on December 8th, and special meeting on December 8, 2025.
6. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution for establishing a joint election agreement with the Rockdale Independent School District. **(Johnson)**
7. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance for vacant commercial structures. **(Blanchard)**
8. Consider and take any necessary action on approving Change Order #4 for the Downtown Sidewalk Project. **(Brunson)**

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Consider and take any necessary action regarding an amendment to the HR Policy. **(McCarver)**
10. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance ordering and establishing procedures for a 2026 General Election to elect one (1) Council Member for the East Ward and one (1) Council Member for the West Ward in the City of Rockdale. **(Johnson)**
11. Conduct a public hearing and consider and take any necessary action approving the first reading of an ordinance approving the petition for annexation of property located at the 600 block of N FM 908 (Property ID: 17534), Rockdale, TX 76567. **(Kelty)**
12. Conduct a public hearing and consider and take any necessary action on a zoning request for property located in the 600 block of N FM 908 (Property ID: 17534) to zone the property to Industrial zoning classification (I). **(Blanchard)**
13. Consider and take any necessary action on appointments to the Building Standards Commission. **(Johnson)**
14. Consider and take any necessary action on appointments with the Planning Commission for expiring terms. **(Johnson)**
15. Consider and take any necessary action on appointments to the Rockdale Library Board for expiring terms. **(Riggs)**
16. Conduct a public hearing and consider and take any necessary action on a first reading of an ordinance authorizing an amendment to the FY 2025-2026 annual budget. **(Kelty/Roderick)**
17. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution to apply for the HOME Program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). **(Blanchard)**

CONVENE in EXECUTIVE SESSION under Sections 551.072 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to:

18. Deliberate about purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for the H.H. Coffield Regional Airport.
19. Deliberate about the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the city finance director.

RECONVENE in OPEN SESSION and take action if, and as deemed appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding:

20. The deliberation of about purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for the Rockdale Airport.
21. Deliberation of the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the city finance director.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Financial Report/Monthly Bills

Library report

Municipal Court report

Public Safety report

Public Works Department report

Planning and Development Report

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED:

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Rockdale, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said notice was posted on the following: January 6, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. and remained so posted at least 2 hours after said meeting was convened.



Shanna Johnson, City Secretary

The City Council reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations regarding Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations regarding Security Devices) and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations).

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Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code

(handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.



City of Rockdale: Partnership Review

December 8, 2025

Chad Lechler





Agenda

- 01 Major Improvements Since 2021
- 02 Customer Service Commitment**
- 03 Community Partnership & Contributions
- 04 Milam County Tire Cleanup Project
- 05 Recycling Success in Rockdale
- 06 Looking Ahead: BVR's Commitment to Rockdale

Major Improvements Since 2021

- Full rollout of new commercial dumpsters and residential carts
- Upgraded residential collection from rear-load to modern sideload trucks (2025)
- Cleaner streets due to reduced loose bags
- Consistently low complaints with strong service satisfaction
- No price increase since 2023 – maintaining stability for residents
- Pilot residential recycling program launched for community feedback
- Routing enhancements implemented to match Rockdale's growth



Customer Service Commitment

- Daily commitment with City staff to resolve issues quickly
- Rapid response times to residential and commercial service requests
- Dedicated support team committed to transparency and reliability
- Customized solutions for residents, businesses, and city departments



Community Contributions

- ***Stash Your Trash*** events: 10 roll-offs, delivered and serviced twice per year (Value: \$16,280)
- ***Recycling roll-off***: First two monthly services provided at no cost (\$12,000 annual value)
- ***Annual Free Bulk Pick-Up*** for residents (2,960 yearly value)
- ***Donation of Luxury Restroom Trailer & Portable Units*** for 2024-2025 Christmas events (~\$2,600 annually)
- ***Ongoing support*** of multiple Rockdale community organizations



Milam County Tire Cleanup Project



BVR Waste & Recycling partnered with the City of Rockdale for county-wide tire cleanup (2023)

- Provided 17 roll-off dumpsters
 - 510 cubic yards of waste tires removed
- Significant improvement to public health, drainage, and beautification

Recycling Success in Rockdale

- Ongoing collection of recycling materials from the community drop-off site
- All metal collected during Bulk Pick-Up events is fully recycled
- Supporting Rockdale's sustainability goals through responsible waste diversion



Looking Ahead: Our Commitment to Rockdale

Continued service efficiency with upgraded equipment & routing

BVR will invest in upgraded equipment and advanced routing technology to streamline operations, reduce downtime, and ensure faster, more reliable service as Rockdale grows.

Strengthen community involvement through events & donations

BVR will continue supporting Rockdale through expanded sponsorships, donated services, community cleanups, and investments in the organizations and people that strengthen the city.

Expand recycling education and participation opportunities

We will expand recycling education through clear guidelines, community outreach, and accessible resources to boost participation, reduce contamination, and support Rockdale's long-term sustainability goals.

Remain a dependable, long-term partner dedicated to Rockdale's growth

BVR remains committed to Rockdale's long-term growth by providing stable pricing, dependable service, and a collaborative partnership that adapts to the community's evolving needs.





Thank You



January 12, 2026

WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY

CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS

NewGen
Strategies & Solutions

BUSINESS FUNDAMENTALS



Revenue Sufficiency

Revenues must match or exceed expenses



Reserves

Must plan for a rainy day



Reinvestment

We must repair, replace, and reinvest in infrastructure

KEY ISSUES

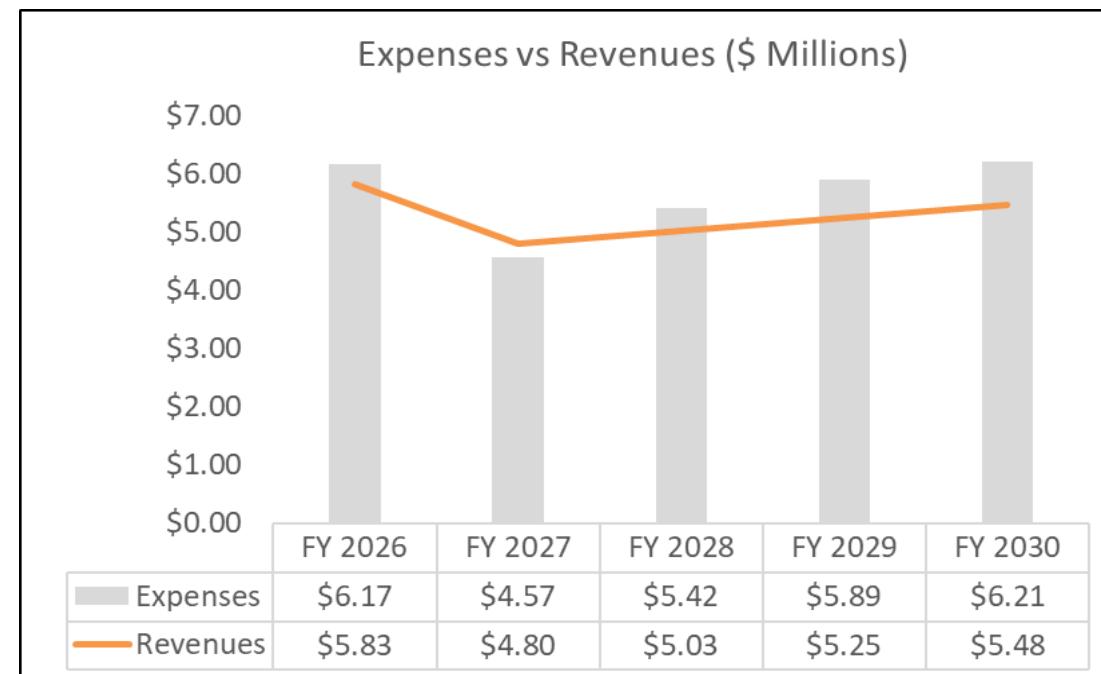
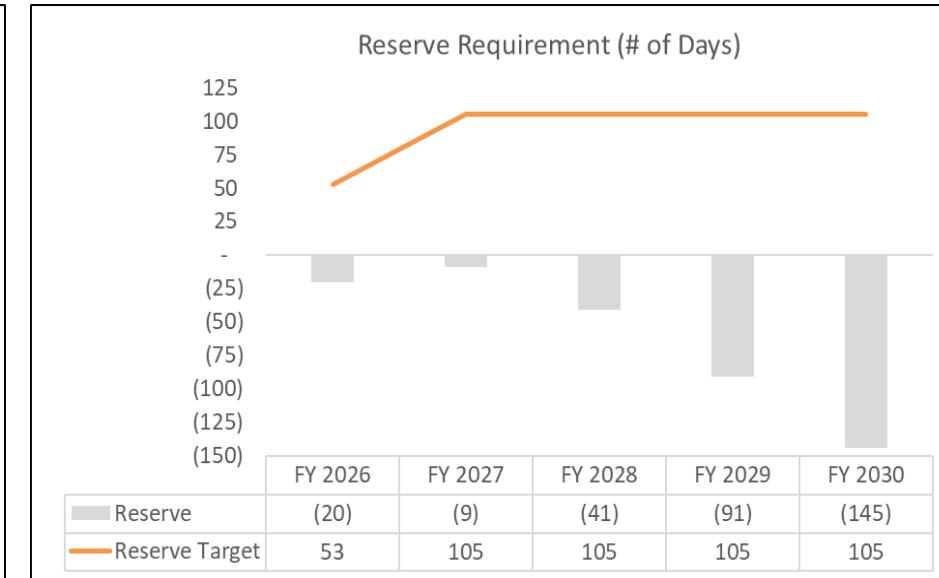
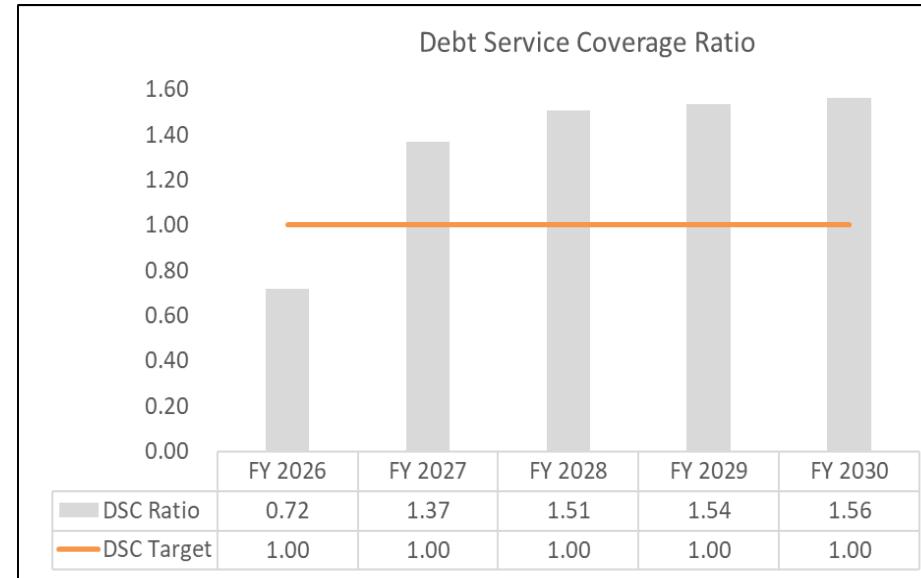
Current Financial Performance

- Debt Service Coverage
 - 1.25x Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) is the preferred target
 - Not projected to generate enough revenue to meet a 1.x DSCR
- Reserve
 - Beginning Fund Balance reserve of less than the required 105 days
 - Projected negative Fund Balance starting in FY 2026 to FY 2030 without an increase in rates
 - Not projected to generate enough revenue to reach 105 Days Cash on Hand target over the next five-year period
- Capital Improvements
 - \$ 3.97M in rate funded capital improvements over the next five-year period

ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

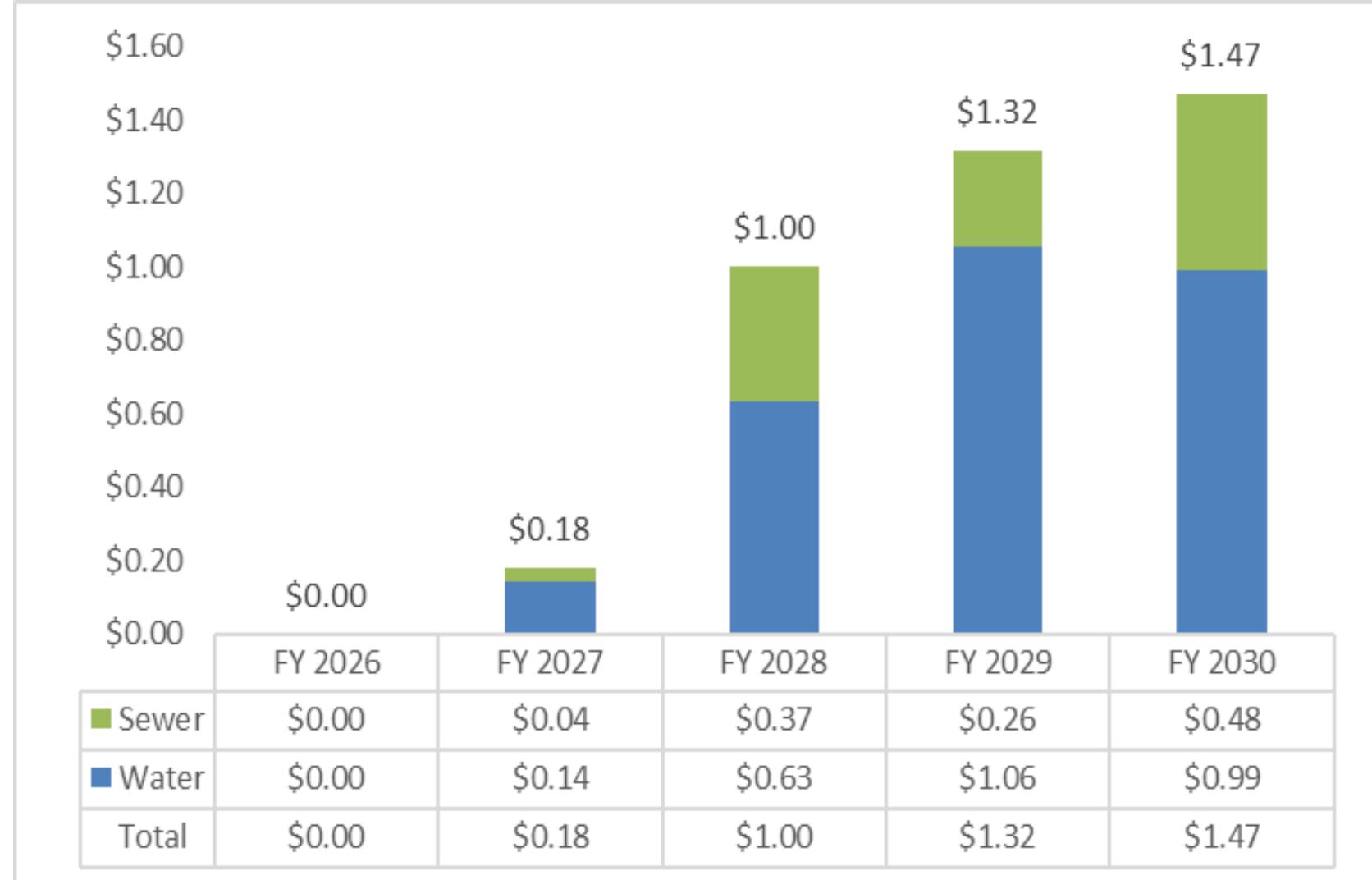
Combined
Under Current Rates

Note: Reduction in FY 2027 Revenues and Expenses due to a one-time grant and the corresponding capital projects.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

(\$ Millions)



Note: All projects are projected to be cash funded.

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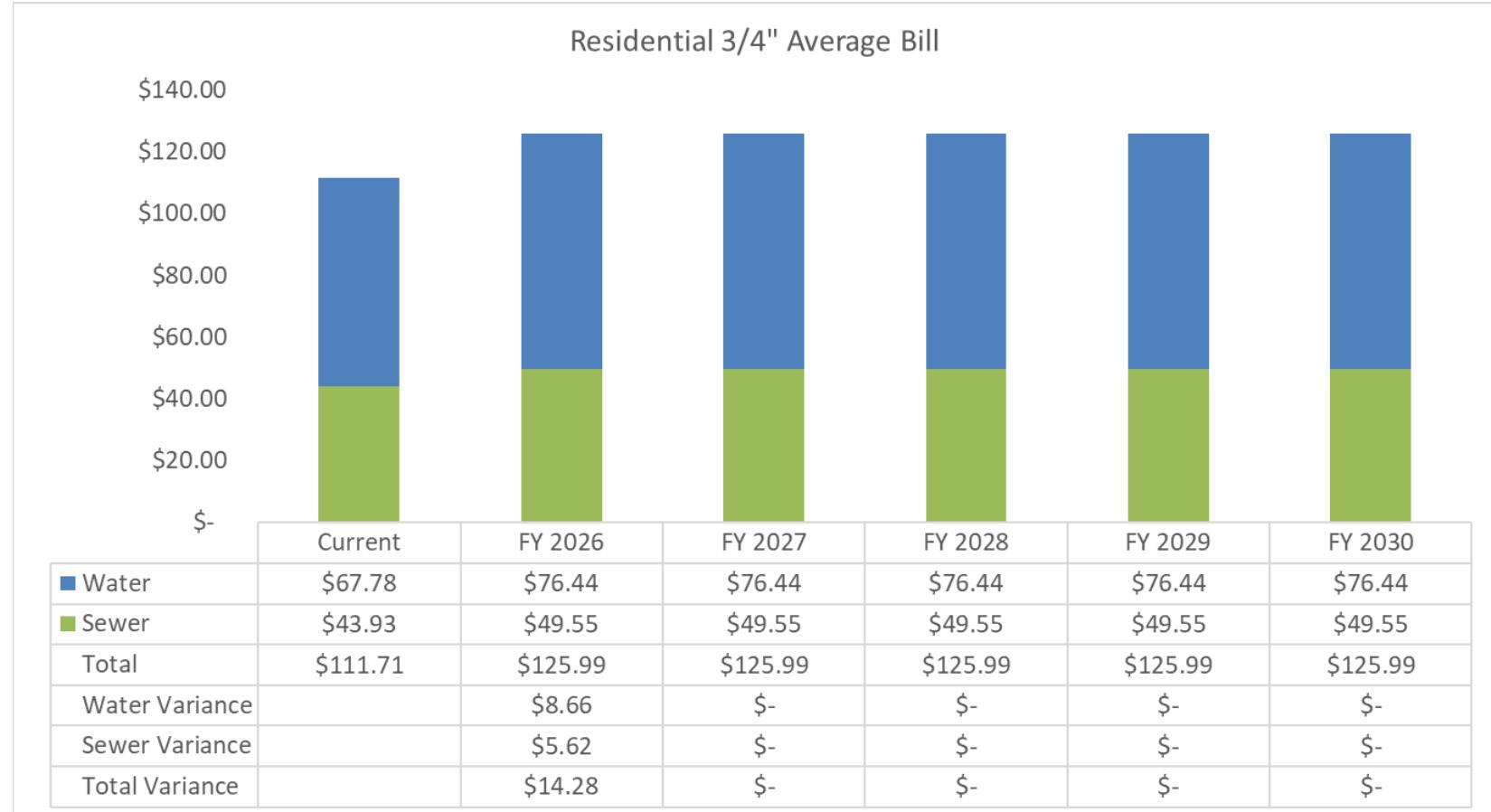
Rate Structure & Design

- Fixed water meter charges do not adhere to AWWA's Meter Equivalency Standards
 - Phasing into the AWWA Standard Meter Equivalencies over a five-year period
- No fixed or volumetric charge differential between the Residential and Commercial class
 - Building a Residential/Commercial rate differential of 1.15x with a three-year phase-in for both water and sewer
- Maintaining current rate design philosophy for Outside City Limit customers
- Last Rate increase was in January 2024

MONTHLY CUSTOMER BILL PROJECTION

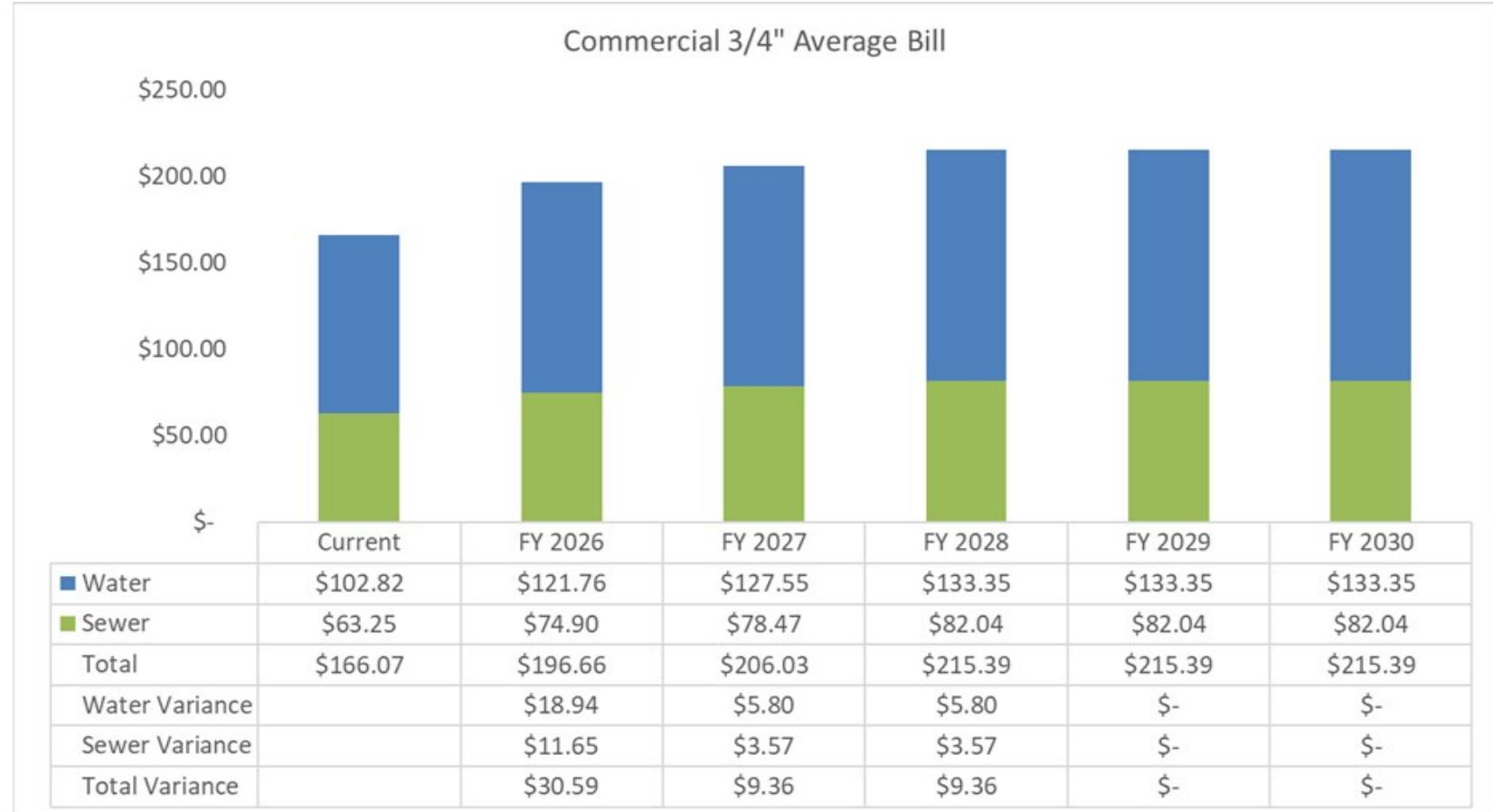
Residential $\frac{3}{4}$ "

5,100 gal. Annual
Water Average /
3,600 gal. Winter
Sewer Average



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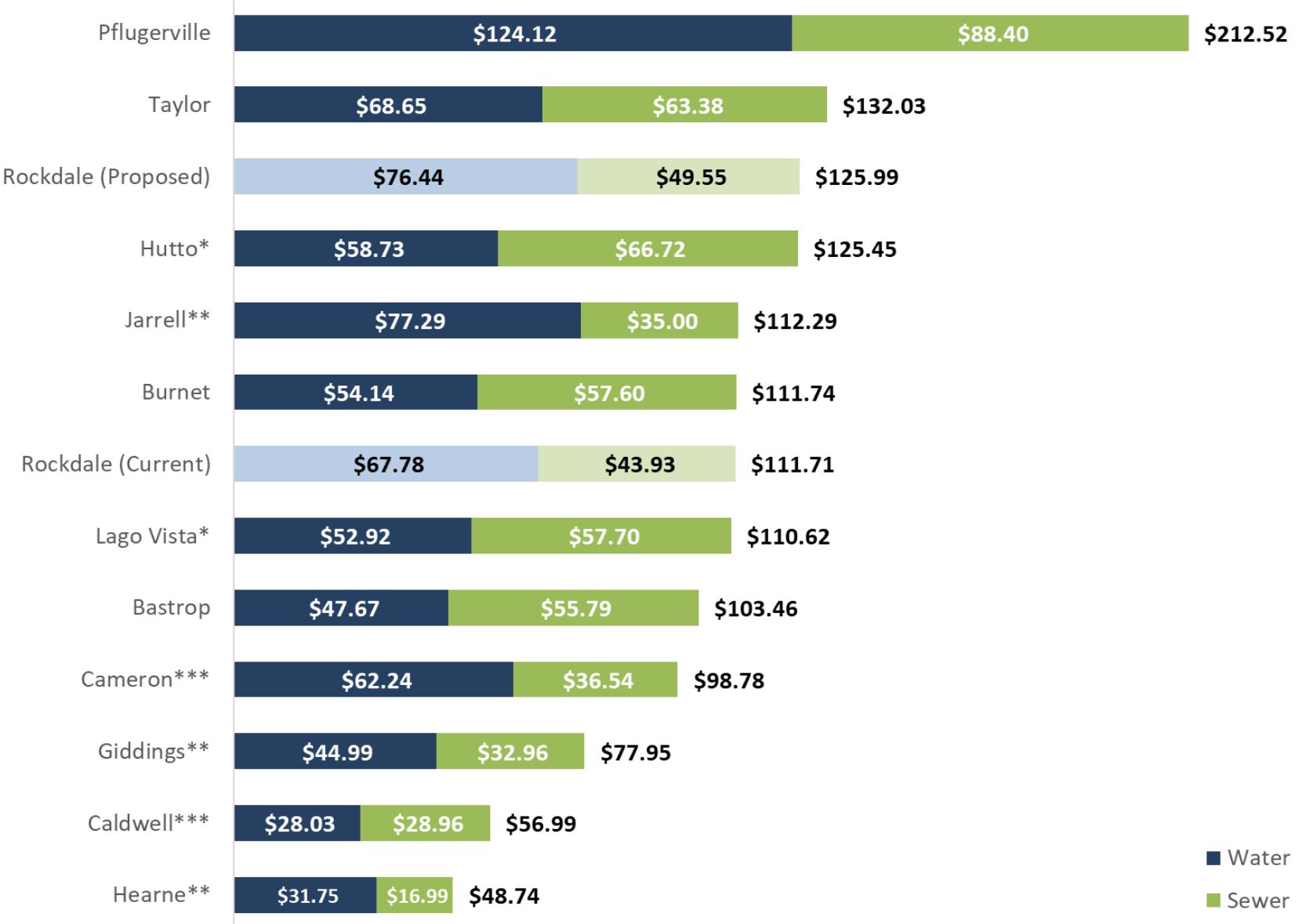
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11,200 gal. Annual
Water Average /
6,600 gal. Annual
Sewer Average



COMBINED REGIONAL BILL COMPARISON

Residential $\frac{3}{4}$ "
5,100 gal. Water /
3,600 gal. Sewer Winter
Average

*Bill Comparisons are based on
NewGen's interpretation of publicly
available data as of November 2025.*

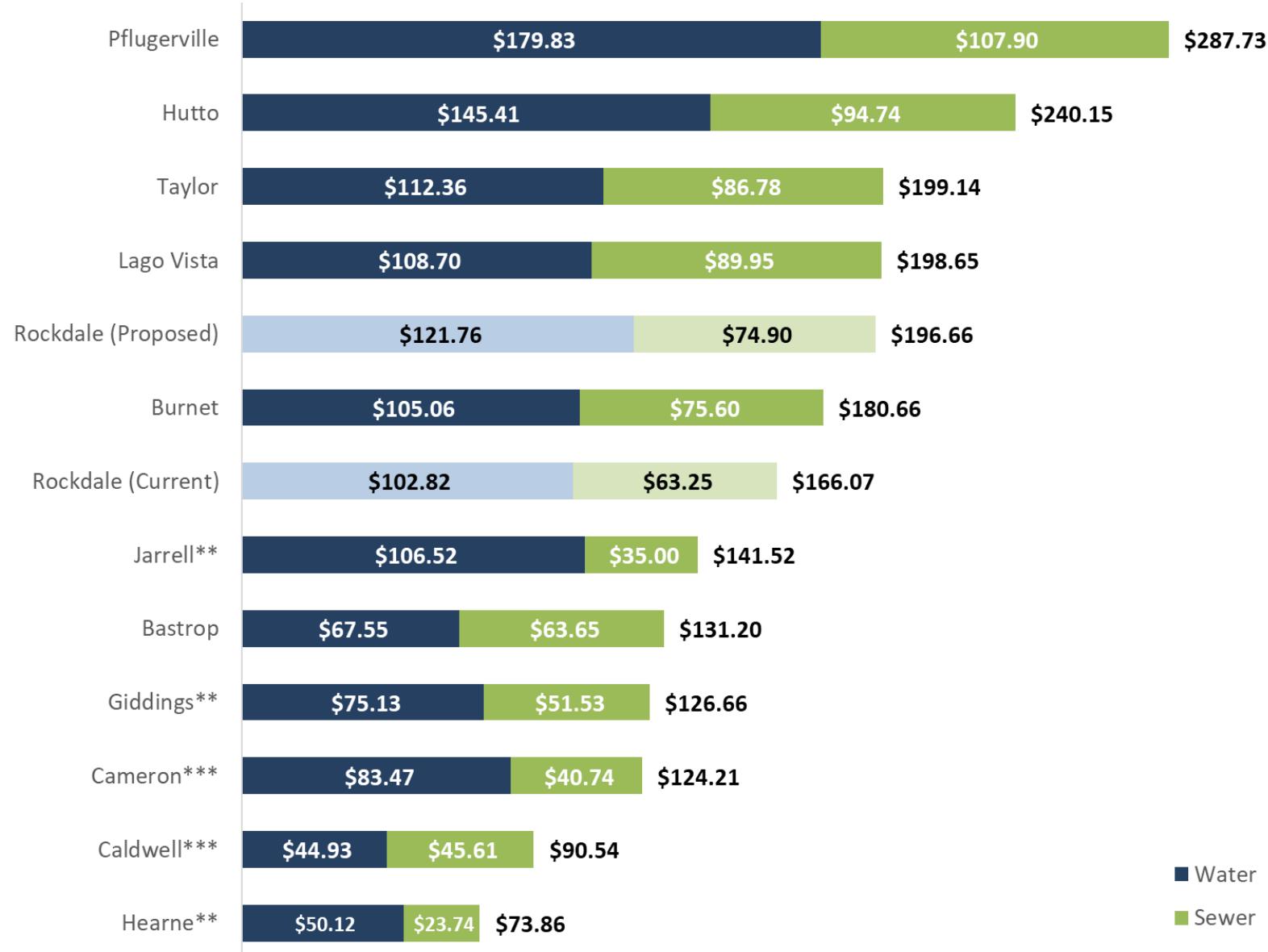


Note: Cities with an asterisk () indicate volumes included in the minimum bill.
* Water Only, ** Sewer Only, *** Water and Sewer*

COMBINED REGIONAL BILL COMPARISON

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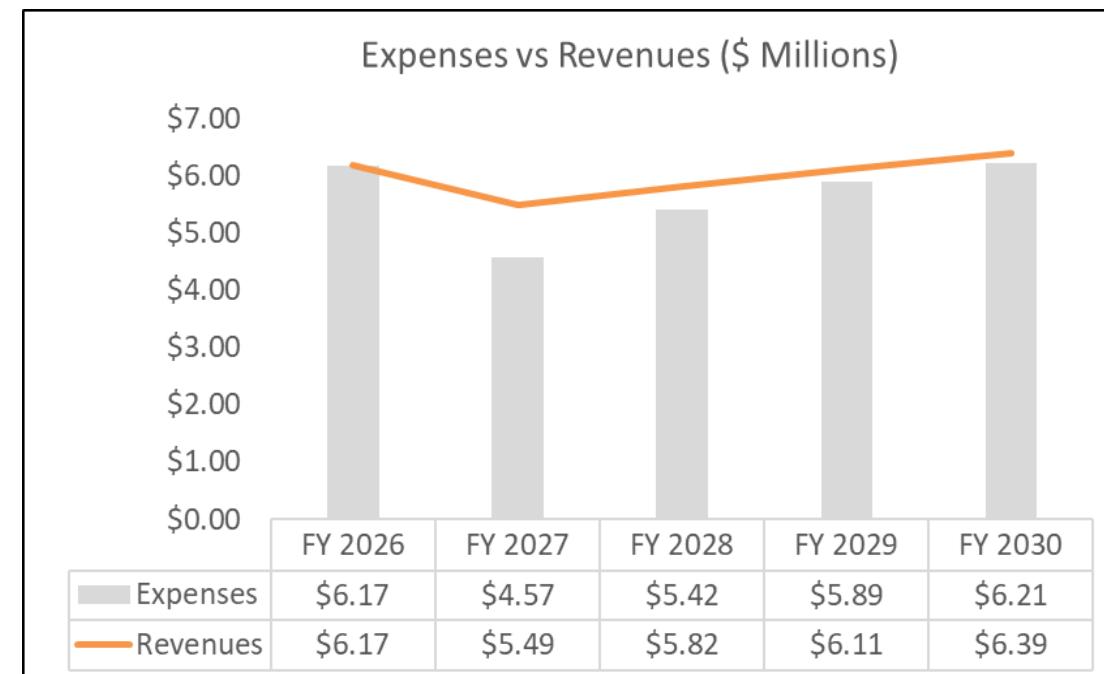
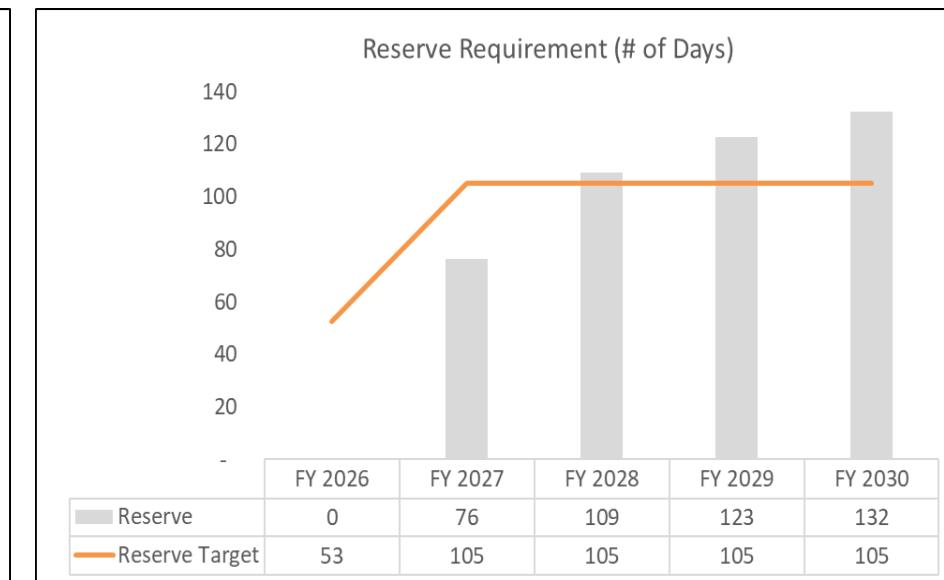
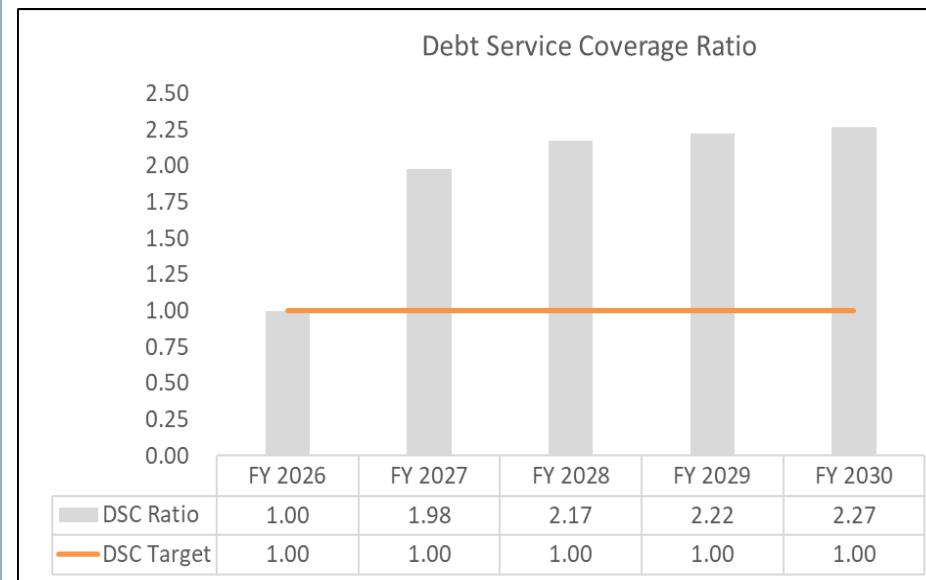
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ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Combined Under Proposed Rates

Note: Reduction in FY 2027 Revenues and Expenses due to a one-time grant and the corresponding capital projects.





QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

NEWGEN STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS
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Meeting Date: January 12, 2026
Department: Police Department
Prepared By: Chief J. Meadors
Source of Funds: N/A

Item Number: 4
(City Secretary's Use Only)
Cost / Budget: \$0.00
Exhibits: 2025 Racial Profiling Report

Subject

Rockdale Police Department Annual Racial Profiling Report for 2025.

Recommendation

Review and accept the 2025 Rockdale Police Department Annual Racial Profiling Report.

Discussion

Pursuant to Texas SB 1187, all Texas law enforcement agencies are required to maintain yearly statistics regarding vehicle traffic related contacts with citizens. All statistics are compiled into an annual report which is presented to the City Council, and upon acceptance, submitted to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

Approved By

Department Head	 Signature	Date 1/06/2026
City Manager	 Signature	Date

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PLEASE NOTE:
This report is based on the format provided by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE).

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End Date: December 31, 2025

Type of Stop: All

Stop Result: All

Officer: All

Officer Troop or Unit: All

Officer Agency: All

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Texas Racial Profiling SB1187 Dashboard

Rockdale, TX PD

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Type of Stop: TRAFFIC
Stop Result: All
Officer: All
Officer Troop or Unit:
Officer Agency: All

01 Total Traffic Stops

2,468

02 Location of Stop

CITY STREET	56.73%	1,400
COUNTY ROAD	0.04%	1
PRIVATE PROPERTY OR OTHER	0.08%	2
STATE HIGHWAY	0.85%	21
US HIGHWAY	42.30%	1,044
Grand Total	100.00%	2,468

03 Was Race Known Prior to Stop

NO	98.99%	2,443
YES	1.01%	25
Grand Total	100.00%	2,468

04 Race or Ethnicity

ALASKA NATIVE/AMERICAN INDIAN	1.09%	27
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	3.08%	76
BLACK	12.03%	297
HISPANIC/LATINO	22.20%	548
WHITE	61.59%	1,520
Grand Total	100.00%	2,468

05 Gender

FEMALE	ALASKA NATIVE/AMERICAN INDIAN	0.81%	7
	ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	3.02%	26
	BLACK	11.02%	95
	HISPANIC/LATINO	17.17%	148
	WHITE	67.98%	586
	Total	100.00%	862
MALE	ALASKA NATIVE/AMERICAN INDIAN	1.25%	20
	ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	3.11%	50
	BLACK	12.58%	202
	HISPANIC/LATINO	24.91%	400
	WHITE	58.16%	934
	Total	100.00%	1,606
Grand Total		100.00%	2,468

06 Reason for Stop

MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATION	ALASKA NATIVE/AMERICAN INDIAN	1.31%	25
	ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	3.63%	69

PRE EXISTING KNOWLEDGE	BLACK	11.41%	217
	HISPANIC/LATINO	22.45%	427
	WHITE	61.20%	1,164
Total		100.00%	1,902
BLACK		5.26%	1
HISPANIC/LATINO		15.79%	3
WHITE		21.05%	4
Total		57.89%	11

VEHICLE TRAFFIC VIOLATION	ALASKA NATIVE/AMERICAN INDIAN	0.38%	2
	ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	1.13%	6
	BLACK	14.34%	76
HISPANIC/LATINO		20.75%	110
WHITE		63.40%	336
Total		100.00%	530

VIOLATION OF LAW	BLACK	5.88%	1
	HISPANIC/LATINO	41.18%	7
	WHITE	52.94%	9
Total		100.00%	17

Grand Total	WHITE	52.94%	9
	BLACK	23.44%	15
	HISPANIC/LATINO	32.81%	21
Total		100.00%	64
		100.00%	2,468

07 Was a Search Conducted

NO

ALASKA NATIVE/AMERICAN INDIAN 1.12% 27

ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER 3.16% 76

BLACK 11.73% 282

HISPANIC/LATINO 21.92% 527

WHITE 62.06% 1,492

Total 100.00% 2,404

YES

BLACK 23.44% 15

HISPANIC/LATINO 32.81% 21

WHITE 43.75% 28

Total 100.00% 64

Grand Total 100.00% 2,468

08 Reason for Search

CONSENT

BLACK 13.33% 2

HISPANIC/LATINO 26.67% 4

WHITE 60.00% 9

Total 100.00% 15

CONTRABAND IN PLAIN VIEW

	WHITE	100.00%	1
	TOTAL	100.00%	1
INCIDENT TO ARREST	BLACK	25.00%	1
	HISPANIC/LATINO	25.00%	1
	WHITE	50.00%	2
	TOTAL	100.00%	4

INVENTORY

	BLACK	33.33%	3
	HISPANIC/LATINO	22.22%	2
	WHITE	44.44%	4
	TOTAL	100.00%	9

PROBABLE CAUSE

	BLACK	25.71%	9
	HISPANIC/LATINO	40.00%	14
	WHITE	34.29%	12
	TOTAL	100.00%	35
Grand Total		100.00%	64

09 Was Contraband Discovered

	NO	30.30%	10
	BLACK	30.30%	10
	HISPANIC/LATINO	27.27%	9
	TOTAL	27.27%	9

HISPANIC/LATINO

	WHITE	42.42%	14
	TOTAL	42.42%	14

WHITE

	TOTAL	100.00%	33
	BLACK	3.23%	1
	Finding Resulted in Arrest - Yes	12.90%	4
	Finding Resulted in Arrest - No	16.13%	5
	TOTAL	6.43%	2

HISPANIC/LATINO

	TOTAL	12.90%	4
	Finding Resulted in Arrest - Yes	32.26%	10
	Finding Resulted in Arrest - No	38.71%	12
	TOTAL	45.16%	14

WHITE

	TOTAL	45.16%	14
	Finding Resulted in Arrest - Yes	100.00%	31
	Finding Resulted in Arrest - No	100.00%	64
	TOTAL	100.00%	64

10 Description of Contraband**ALCOHOL**

	BLACK	18.18%	2
	HISPANIC/LATINO	36.36%	4
	WHITE	45.45%	5
	TOTAL	100.00%	11

DRUGS	BLACK	15.79%	3
	HISPANIC/LATINO	42.11%	8
	WHITE	42.11%	8
OTHER	Total	100.00%	19
	BLACK	33.33%	1
	HISPANIC/LATINO	33.33%	1
	WHITE	33.33%	1
Grand Total	Total	100.00%	33
1.1 Result of Stop		100.00%	
CITATION	ALASKA NATIVE/AMERICAN INDIAN	0.78%	6
	ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	4.04%	31
	BLACK	11.73%	90
	HISPANIC/LATINO	30.51%	234
	WHITE	52.93%	406
CITATION AND ARREST	Total	100.00%	767
	BLACK	62.50%	5
	HISPANIC/LATINO	25.00%	2
	WHITE	12.50%	1
WRITTEN WARNING	Total	100.00%	8
	ALASKA NATIVE/AMERICAN INDIAN	1.25%	21
	ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	2.67%	45
	BLACK	11.88%	20
	HISPANIC/LATINO	18.36%	309
	WHITE	65.83%	1,108
WRITTEN WARNING AND ARREST	Total	100.00%	1,683
	BLACK	20.00%	2
	HISPANIC/LATINO	30.00%	3
	WHITE	50.00%	5
Grand Total	Total	100.00%	10
12 Arrest Based On		100.00%	2,468
OUTSTANDING WARRANT	BLACK	33.33%	3
	HISPANIC/LATINO	22.22%	2
	WHITE	44.44%	4
Total	Total	100.00%	9
VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE	BLACK	40.00%	2

HISPANIC/LATINO	40.00%	2
WHITE	20.00%	1
Total	100.00%	5
VIOLATION OF TRAFFIC LAW		
BLACK	50.00%	2
HISPANIC/LATINO	25.00%	1
WHITE	25.00%	1
Total	100.00%	4
Grand Total	100.00%	13

13 Was Physical Force Used

NO USE OF FORCE	ALASKA NATIVE/AMERICAN INDIAN	1.09%	27
	ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	3.08%	76
	BLACK	12.03%	297
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	WHITE	61.59%	1,520
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December 8, 2025

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

Present:

Councilmembers:

Ward Roddam, Mayor
Lin Perry, Mayor Pro-Tem
Esme Ruelas-Olivares
Brad Caffey
Dave Melton
Daniel Willie
Scott Starnes

City Staff:

Timothy Kelty, City Manager
Shanna Johnson, City Secretary
Doug Rodderick, Interim Finance Director
Jerald Brunson, Public Works Director
Ben Blanchard, City Planner
Jerry Meadors, Chief of Police
Jim Gibson, MDD Director

Call to Order and announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum of the Council members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockdale City Council was called to order by Mayor Roddam at 5:30 p.m., December 8, 2025, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas.

Pledge of Allegiance/ Invocation

Councilmember Willie lead the invocation.

Announcements

No comments made.

Citizen Communications

No comments made.

Presentation

- 1. Receive a presentation from Chief Meadors awarding the Life Saving Award to Officers Lindsey Jacobs, Shelby Rodriguez, and Sergeant Johnathan Richardson, and the award for Medal of Valor to Officer Shelby Rodriguez and Sergeant Richardson.**
- 2. Receive a post event presentation from The Rockdale Fair and Rodeo for HOT funds.**

(presentation was received after item #4) Ms. Moreland with the Rockdale Fair Association reported that revenue was down from last year. The Fair would like to improve the parking lot.

- 3. Receive a presentation from Steven Laukhuf from KRXT.**

Mr. Laukhuf presented the radio stations award for Best Radio Station in Texas to the Mayor and City Council for their support.

4. Receive a presentation from Ed Guerrero for the proposed airport project. (Kelty)

Mr. Guerrero presented his proposal for more hangar space and a ramp for access.

5. Receive a presentation on the Quarterly Investment Report.

Mr. Rodderick is working to consolidate the 25 different checking accounts.

Consent Agenda Approvals:

- 6.** Minutes of special meeting on October 28th, and regular meeting on November 10th, 2025.
- 7.** Consider and take any necessary action approving the second reading of an ordinance amending the Master Fee schedule for “Library Fees” and “Vacant Commercial Structures.” **(Blanchard)**
- 8.** Consider and take any necessary action on approving the Milam County Master Mutual Aid Agreement. **(Kelty)**
- 9.** Consider and take any necessary action on approving the staff holiday calendar for 2026. **(Kelty)**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starnes and a second by Councilmember Ruleas-Olivares, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

- 10. Consider and take any necessary action approving the second reading of an ordinance amending Sections 2.02.001Definitions; 2.01.009 Pens or Coops for Fowl, Rabbits or other non-livestock animals; 2.05.031, and 2.07.001providing for definitions for fowl to exclude roosters, and requirements for their owners. (Kelty).**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Willie, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the ordinance with discussed changes. Motion carried.

- 11. Consider and take any necessary action on an Annexation Petition from land owners of property located at County Road 908, Rockdale, Texas 76567; the initiation of the annexation of such property and setting a public hearing of such petition. (Kelty)**

(item was received after the consent agenda)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Starnes, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to set the public hearing for January 12, 2025. Motion carried.

12. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance abandoning portions of the right-of-way along Miller Street. (Blanchard)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruleas-Olivares and a second by Councilmember Caffey, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the first reading of the ordinance subject to adding language to reserve any necessary easements. Motion carried.

13. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution for liens for abatement properties. (Blanchard)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Caffey and a second by Councilmember Melton, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

14. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance for vacant commercial structure. (Blanchard)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Starnes, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the first reading of the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

15. Consider and take any necessary action on an annual budget amendment to the FY2025-26 budget. (Kelty/Roderick)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Caffey, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the tabling items #15 and #16 until the January 12, 2025, City Council regular meeting. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Council cancelled Executive Session for to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072, 551.074 and 551.071:

- A. Deliberate about purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for the purpose of commercial development inside the district boundaries. (SLR and Chamber)
- B. Deliberate about Rockdale Volunteer Fire Department TML claim.
- C. Consultation with attorney to deliberate about potential legal action.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Financial Report/Monthly Bills
Library report
Municipal Court report
Public Safety report
Public Works Department report
Planning and Development Report

Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 12th day of January 2026.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Shanna Johnson
City Secretary

Ward Roddam, Mayor

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December 8, 2025

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

Present:

Councilmembers:

Ward Roddam, Mayor
Lin Perry, Mayor Pro-Tem
Esme Ruelas-Olivares
Brad Caffey
Dave Melton
Daniel Willie
Scott Starnes

City Staff:

Timothy Kelty, City Manager
Shanna Johnson, City Secretary
Doug Roderick, Interim Finance Director
Jerald Brunson, Public Works Director
Ben Blanchard, City Planner
Jerry Meadors, Chief of Police
Jim Gibson, MDD Director

Call to Order and announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum of the Council members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockdale City Council was called to order by Mayor Roddam at 7:32 p.m., December 8, 2025, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas.

Regular Agenda

- 1. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance abandoning portions of the right-of-way along Miller Street. (Blanchard)**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivares and a second by Councilmember Starnes, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the ordinance with added language to reserve any necessary easements. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 12th day of January 2026.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Shanna Johnson
City Secretary

Ward Roddam, Mayor

Meeting Date: January 12, 2026
Department: Admin
Prepared By: Shanna Johnson
Source of Funds: _____

Item Number: 6
(City Secretary's Use Only)
Cost / Budget: _____
Exhibits: _____

Subject

Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution for establishing a joint election agreement with the Rockdale Independent School District.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approving the resolution.

Discussion

Each year the city and the RISD join together for the general election to share in the expense of running an election. This resolution allows the two entities to combine efforts and to work together.

Approved By

Signature

Date

Department Head

Signature

Date

City Manager

RESOLUTION R2026-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE ROCKDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSOLIDATING THE ELECTION PROCESS FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS HELD BY THE ABOVE NAMED POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS ON THE MAY UNIFORM ELECTION DATE; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY SECRETARY TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rockdale desires to enter into a joint election agreement with the Rockdale Independent School District to consolidate the election process; and

WHEREAS, Section 61.012 of the Texas Election Code requires that the City Council of the City of Rockdale, Texas must provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in a Texas election on or after January 1, 2006. This system must comply with state and federal laws setting the requirements for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Texas Secretary of State has certified that the Verity Electronic Voting System provided by Hart InterCivic, Inc. is an accessible voting system that may legally be used in Texas elections.

WHEREAS, Sections 123.032 and 123.035 of the Texas Election Code authorize the acquisition of voting systems by local political subdivisions and further mandate certain minimum requirements for contracts relating to the acquisition of such voting systems.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rockdale desires to consolidate ballots with the Rockdale Independent School District for the purpose of simplifying the voting process during early voting and on the general election day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS.

That the City of Rockdale, and the Rockdale Independent School District will enter into a Joint Election Agreement for the purpose of consolidating the election process;

That the City Council of the City of Rockdale, the Rockdale Independent School District Board, and the Rockdale Hospital District Board will consolidate election ballots;

That the City Council of the City of Rockdale, and Rockdale Independent School District Board will consolidate early voting to one polling place, being the Rockdale City Hall Lobby, 505 West Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, Texas;

That the Early Voting Clerk will be the City Secretary of the City of Rockdale;

That the City Council of the City of Rockdale, and the Rockdale Independent School District Board will consolidate election day voting to one polling place, being the Rockdale City Hall Lobby, 505 West Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

Ward Roddam, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanna Johnson
City Secretary

Meeting Date: January 12, 2026
Department: Development Services
Prepared By: Ben Blanchard, City Planner
Source of Funds: N/A

Item Number: 7
(City Secretary's Use Only)
Cost / Budget: N/A
Exhibits: Ordinance

Subject

Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance for vacant commercial structures. (Blanchard)

Recommendation

The Planning Commission recommend approval of the second reading.

Discussion

The Planning Commission reviewed this amendment at their December 2nd meeting and unanimously recommended approval.

The vacant commercial structure ordinance was amended in 2023 to follow the allowed use table to determine if a property was in productive use or not. Previously structures were able to obtain water service to be deemed as a non-vacant structure. Since the ordinance update, the list of vacant properties has significantly increased, and staff have moved forward with enforcing the ordinance.

Through enforcement, staff are recommending three small changes to the ordinance. First, staff is recommending that the vacant building plan is submitted at the time of registration annually instead of every 6 months. Secondly, staff have removed the sentence requiring payments to be postmarked no later than the 31st of January each year. This sentence contradicts an early sentence that gives the applicant no more than 90 days to register the building. Lastly, there are several grammatical changes to help the ordinance read better.

Approved By

Department Head	<i>Signature</i> <i>Ben Blanchard</i>	<i>Date</i> 1/5/26
City Manager	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

ORDINANCE NO. _____ (xx)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 3.12 COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, DIVISION 2 VACANT STRUCTURES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") is the governing body for the City of Rockdale, Texas, and therefore, it must bear the initial responsibility for the integrity of governance; and

WHEREAS, vacant and abandoned properties harm Texas communities;

WHEREAS, there exists in Rockdale, many vacant buildings that, if left unoccupied and unmonitored, may fall into a state of disrepair, become a haven for drug activity and other crimes, may breed dumping and create blight in the area; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of vacant and abandoned structures within the City of Rockdale, (hereinafter "City") Texas is essential to the health, safety, and economic value of the community.

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

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The above and foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of fact. The City Council hereby further finds and determines that the rules, regulations, terms, conditions, provisions and requirements of this ordinance are reasonable and necessary to protect the public health, safety and quality of life.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 3.12 COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, DIVISION 2 VACANT STRUCTURES. Section 3.12 COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, DIVISION 2 VACANT STRUCTURES is hereby amended as follows:

Article 3.12 Commercial Properties

DIVISION 2

Vacant Structures

See "Exhibit A" for Vacant Structures.

Section 3. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, and sections of the City Code of Ordinances, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; provided, however, that all other provisions of said ordinances not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this ordinance and any other code or ordinance of the city, the terms and provision of this ordinance shall govern.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, unlawful, unenforceable, or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect other provisions or applications hereof which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 5. Savings Clause. All rights and remedies of the City of Rockdale are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any ordinances affecting zoning and all other codes affected hereby including permit issuance, or vendor registration within the City which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council and publication as required by the City Charter and the Texas Local Government Code.

Section 7. Open Meeting Act. It is officially found and determine that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading on this the _____, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading on this the _____, 2026.

ATTEST

THE CITY OF ROCKDALE

Shanna Johnson
City Secretary

Ward Roddam, Mayor

“Exhibit A”

Vacant Structures

3.12.031 Definitions.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Allowed use table. A table that can be found in chapter **14** zoning of the city code that sets the parameters for what uses are allowed in each zoning classification.

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City building official or building official. The designated building official for the city or his or her designated representative.

City council or council. The city council of the city **of Rockdale**.

City engineer. The city engineer for the city or his or her designated representative.

City manager. The chief administrative officer designated by ordinance, or his or her designated representative.

City staff. The officers, employees and agents of the city assigned and designated from time to time by the city manager and/or council, including but not limited to the city planner or city engineer, to review, comment and/or report on issues with the enforcement of this division.

Owner. The person that owns the real property on which a building is situated, according to the real property records of the **Milam** county in which the property is located; or the records of the appraisal district in which the property is located.

Secured. That all accessible means of ingress and egress to the vacant structure, including but not limited to all exterior doorways and windows are locked ~~so as~~ to prevent unauthorized entry by vagrants and criminals.

Unit. A part of a building distinctly separated from other spaces within the building. It must be directly accessible from an outer door or through an interior door in a shared hallway rather than by walking through another building space.

Vacant structure. That all lawful commercial activity at the building has ceased, or reasonably appears to have ceased, for 150 days; or the building contains more than three units (single building subdivided for multiple businesses), 75 percent or more of which have not been used lawfully, or reasonably appear not to have been used lawfully, for more than 150 days. ~~Vacant structures have a water account but is not active.~~

3.12.032 Applicability.

This division shall apply to all commercial vacant structures, which are now in existence or which may hereafter be constructed or converted from other uses and which are **within** the city limits.

3.12.033 Registration required.

(a) An owner is required to register their building as vacant when ~~they~~-property is not currently in productive use subject to the adopted allowed use table., **This includes** ~~including~~ having active water and power service. A person commits an offense if the person owns a vacant building and fails to register within ninety (90) days from the date that written notice is issued by the city building official **or their designee** to the owner. Written notice shall be issued to the vacant structure owner by means of personal service, by first class mail to his/her last known address according to the **Milam** county appraisal district records or by posting on the property.

(b) Upon issuance of notice to register the vacant structure, the owner shall submit a registration application with the city building official **or their designee**. The registration application shall be submitted on forms provided by the city. The registration application shall include the following information supplied by the applicant:

- (1)** The address and legal description of the property.
- (2)** Name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of all owners. Corporations **s** or corporate entities shall submit the same information pertaining to their registered agent.
- (3)** Name, address, and telephone number for any third-party **agent** who the owner has entered into a contract or agreement with for property management.
- (4)** Name and address of all known lienholders, tenants, and all other parties with an ownership or possessory interest in the structure.
- (5)** Name, address, and (telephone number) of a person to contact in an emergency.
- (6)** Proof of comprehensive liability insurance for the property, of no less than \$500,000.00 for damages and personal injury, or \$100,000.00 for personal injury in any one accident and a surety bond for the value of the structure if insurance for the structure cannot be obtained. Said value shall be the appraised value as determined by the **Milam** county appraisal district. ~~This subsection is not applicable to single-family residential structures.~~ The insurance required herein shall remain in full force and effect at all times during the registration term. Such insurance

coverage shall specifically name the city as an additional insured. This insurance coverage shall cover all perils arising from the activities relative to this agreement. A registration applicant shall be responsible for any deductibles stated in the policy and shall not cause such insurance or bond to be canceled nor permit such insurance or bond to lapse. All insurance certificates shall include a clause to the effect that the policy shall not be canceled, reduced, restricted or otherwise limited until forty-five (45) days after the city has received written notice as evidenced by a return receipt of registered or certified mail.

(7) Complete a vacant building plan containing a plan of action and timeline for correcting all existing violations, maintaining the building while vacant, renovating or repairing the building, occupying or selling the building, and/or demolition of the building. The vacant building plan must be updated **annually when every six (6) months** that the building is required to be registered.

(8) Provide the number of buildings, dwelling units, swimming pools, spas, located in or on the premises of the vacant building and the total area in square feet of the building, the number of stories contained in the vacant building, the area in square feet of each story, and whether each story is above ~~below~~ or below ground level and any other information reasonably necessary for use by first responders in the event of a fire or other catastrophic event.

(9) Property owner shall post “No Trespass” signs on the property front door or window.

(10) Vacant structure owners shall provide written notice to the city building official **or their designee**, including a copy of the deed, of a change in ownership of the property and/or contact information for either the owner or the designated manager. Written notice shall be provided to the city no later than 30 days after said changes have occurred.

(c) Continued annual registration **(from the original date of vacaney)** of the property by the vacant structure owner is required until said structure is deemed occupied and in compliance with all relevant code requirements by the city building official **or their designee**.

(d) The vacant property will be reviewed biannually by the city building official and the code enforcement officer or his/her designee for compliance with section **3.12.036** of this division.

(e) The results of the review by the city building official and the code enforcement officer or his/her designee may require the owner ~~to~~ employ a structural engineer to determine the existence of structural damage.

3.12.034 Registration fees.

A vacant structure property owner shall tender an annual registration fee ~~and inspection charges~~ in the amount established in the fee schedule in appendix **A** of this code. ~~for all structures except single-family residential structures, plus an inspection charge in an amount established in the fee schedule in appendix **A** of this code.~~ Annual registration fees shall be due and postmarked no later than January 31st of each year.

3.12.035 Property manager or agent.

(a) An owner of a vacant structure must designate a local manager for said structure and include the relevant contact information for the designated manager upon registering the property with the city. Property managers shall act as agents for the property owner for purposes of accepting legal service, however the vacant property owner remains personally liable in criminal prosecutions for code violations.

(b) The property manager or agent must be available at the number listed at all times in the event of an emergency or catastrophe. For all vacant properties, ~~except for single-family residential structures~~ the name and telephone number of the property manager or agent must be posted at the front of the building, in large, legible print.

3.12.036 Standard of care for vacant property.

(a) The standard of care for all vacant structures shall be in accordance with the currently adopted International Building Code and any and all requirements of chapter **3** of this code and amendments thereto. Failure to maintain the vacant structure to the standard of care specified by the city is a violation of this division. ~~Neighboring businesses are encouraged to report vacant buildings/buildings in disrepair to the city code enforcement official for action.~~

(b) Commercial buildings which exhibit evidence of vacancy shall be maintained as to give the appearance of evidence of occupancy by:

(1) Maintaining the exterior of the property in good order including cleaned windows, a lit interior light at night with the view into the first floor to be easily viewed by police to maintain security on the premises, and façade materials maintained in a good

state of repair to include no peeling paint, missing mortar, and rusted metal and the like.

(2) All floor windows installed with clean solid glass and upper story windows shall have glass, secure-vue, plexi-glass, or painted half-inch plywood installed and secured within each window opening.

3.12.037 Factors not considered for exemptions.

(a) The pendency of a real, heritable tax foreclosure proceeding does not exempt the owner from payment of the vacant property registration or renewal fee. Only upon the issuance of a final judgement of foreclosure by the court will the record owner be ~~relived~~ relieved from payment the registration or renewal fee as of the day the final judgement of foreclosure is issued.

(b) The financial inability of the owner to pay the registration or renewal fee does not rise to the level of "indigent" for the consideration of an exemption.

(c) The filing of ~~a~~ bankruptcy petition does not relieve the owner from payment of the vacant property registration or renewal fee unless there are specific statutory guidelines that would otherwise exempt the owner from payment of the fees.

(d) No owner of a vacant property will be exempt from payment of the vacant property registration or renewal fee if the owner has past due municipal fees or if there are municipal liens on the vacant property.

3.12.038 Exemptions.

An owner or an owner's authorization agent may apply for an exemption to the registration fee on an annual basis. The city shall issue the exemption ~~request if it is found provided~~ ~~herein upon a finding~~ that the applicant has complied with ~~all~~ any of the below requirements for issuance of an exemption and the applicant has not made a false statement as to a material matter in the application. A fee waiver is only valid for twelve (12) months.

(1) A vacant building which has suffered fire damage or damage caused by extreme weather conditions may ~~receive an exemption for a period of one (1) year from the date the building is registered. This exemption shall only be granted for the first year in which the severe weather event has occurred. be exempted for a period of one (1) year from the date of the from the registration fee this exemption is for the duration of one (1) year from the date of the fire or extreme weather event [sic].~~

(2) A property owner who is determined to be indigent by the city must register the property and is otherwise subject to this division but shall be exempt from the registration fees.

(3) A property owner who has obtained a building permit and is progressing in an expedient manner to prepare the premises for occupancy must register the property and is otherwise subject to this division but shall be exempt from the registration fees.

(4) Single-family residential structures are exempt from registration and registration fees.

3.12.039 Penalty.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions or terms of this division, or shall fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, within the city limits shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subjected to a fine not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, in which event the penalty shall be fixed by state law and if deemed a violation of any provision which governs fire safety, zoning or public health or sanitation shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense. Each day the violation exists shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided herein shall be in addition to any other enforcement remedies that the city may have under city ordinance and/or state law. Nothing herein shall preclude the city from taking administrative or civil action as may be permitted by law.

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(3) Name, address, and telephone number for any third-party agent who the owner has entered into a contract or agreement with for property management.

(4) Name and address of all known lienholders, tenants, and all other parties with an ownership or possessory interest in the structure.

(5) Name, address, and (telephone number) of a person to contact in an emergency.

(6) Proof of comprehensive liability insurance for the property, of no less than \$500,000.00 for damages and personal injury, or \$100,000.00 for personal injury in any one accident and a surety bond for the value of the structure if insurance for the structure cannot be obtained. Said value shall be the appraised value as determined by the Milam county appraisal district. The insurance required herein shall remain in full force and effect at all times during the registration term. Such insurance coverage shall specifically name the city as an additional insured. This

insurance coverage shall cover all perils arising from the activities relative to this agreement. A registration applicant shall be responsible for any deductibles stated in the policy and shall not cause such insurance or bond to be canceled nor permit such insurance or bond to lapse. All insurance certificates shall include a clause to the effect that the policy shall not be canceled, reduced, restricted or otherwise limited until forty-five (45) days after the city has received written notice as evidenced by a return receipt of registered or certified mail.

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(d) The vacant property will be reviewed biannually by the city building official and the code enforcement officer or his/her designee for compliance with section **3.12.036** of this division.

(e) The results of the review by the city building official and the code enforcement officer or his/her designee may require the owner to employ a structural engineer to determine the existence of structural damage.

3.12.034 Registration fees.

A vacant structure property owner shall tender an annual registration fee and inspection charges in the amount established in the fee schedule in appendix **A** of this code.

3.12.035 Property manager or agent.

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(b) The property manager or agent must be available at the number listed at all times in the event of an emergency or catastrophe. For all vacant properties, the name and telephone number of the property manager or agent must be posted at the front of the building, in large, legible print.

3.12.036 Standard of care for vacant property.

(a) The standard of care for all vacant structures shall be in accordance with the currently adopted International Building Code and any and all requirements of chapter **3** of this code and amendments thereto. Failure to maintain the vacant structure to the standard of care specified by the city is a violation of this division.

(b) Commercial buildings which exhibit evidence of vacancy shall be maintained as to give the appearance of evidence of occupancy by:

(1) Maintaining the exterior of the property in good order including cleaned windows, a lit interior light at night with the view into the first floor to be easily viewed by police to maintain security on the premises, and façade materials maintained in a good state of repair to include no peeling paint, missing mortar, and rusted metal and the like.

(2) All floor windows installed with clean solid glass and upper story windows shall have glass, secure-vue, plexi-glass, or painted half-inch plywood installed and secured within each window opening.

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a final judgement of foreclosure by the court will the record owner be relieved from payment the registration or renewal fee as of the day the final judgement of foreclosure is issued.

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3.12.038 Exemptions.

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(2) A property owner who is determined to be indigent by the city must register the property and is otherwise subject to this division but shall be exempt from the registration fees.

(3) A property owner who has obtained a building permit and is progressing in an expedient manner to prepare the premises for occupancy must register the property and is otherwise subject to this division but shall be exempt from the registration fees.

(4) Single-family residential structures are exempt from registration and registration fees.

3.12.039 Penalty.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions or terms of this division, or shall fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, within the city limits shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subjected to a fine not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, in which event the penalty shall be fixed by state law and if deemed a violation of

any provision which governs fire safety, zoning or public health or sanitation shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense. Each day the violation exists shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided herein shall be in addition to any other enforcement remedies that the city may have under city ordinance and/or state law. Nothing herein shall preclude the city from taking administrative or civil action as may be permitted by law.

Meeting Date: December 8, 2025
Department: Public Works
Prepared By: Jerald Brunson
Source of Funds:

Item Number: 8
(City Secretary's Use Only)
Cost / Budget: NA
Exhibits:

Subject

Consider and take any necessary action on approving Change Order #4 for the Downtown Sidewalk Project. **(Brunson)**

Recommendation

City Staff recommends the approval of Change Order #4.

Discussion

An Insertavalve from the 6" water main on Milam between Ackerman and Green St. that was installed as part of this project was improperly classified as meeting the requirements of the **"Build America, Buy America" (BABA) Act**. The supplying vendor classified this unit as a Manufactured Part. The actual classification should have been done based on the iron and steel requirements which the valve did not meet. To meet the BABA requirements, this valve must be replaced.

The removal and replacement cost of this change order will be borne by the Contractor (S-Co) and the vendor. The net change will result in a credit back to the project.

Approved By

Department Head	Signature	Date
	Jerald Brunson	12/2/2025
City Manager	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____



Construction Contract Change Order

A505

Grant Recipient: Rockdale

Select: City County

Contract No.: CDM23-0416

Change Order No.: 4

Region: CTCOG

Contractor:

S-Co Incorporated
2329 County Rd 348
Jewett, TX 75846

Engineer:

KSA Engineers
140 E Tyler St, Suite 600
Longview, TX 75601

Select Change Order Type(s): Change to Existing Line Items New Items Requested Change in Contract Duration

New Items Requested (Items WITHOUT a unit price in the original bid)

Provide explanation below (attach separate documentation as appropriate). The Grant Recipient must demonstrate competitive pricing for new items.

Uninstall non-BABA compliant insertvalve and replace it with a BABA-compliant gate valve.

Bid Item #	Item Description	Original Qty.	Proposed Qty.	UOM	Unit Price	Δ Qty.	Change in Contract Price	+
N/A	Insertavalve Installation		-1	EA	\$13,521.00	-1	(\$13,521.00)	-
N/A	LineStop w/GateValve Installation	0	1	EA	\$11,534.00	1	\$11,534.00	-
Contract New Item Sub-Total:								(\$1,987.00)

Justification for Change

	Increase	Decrease	No Change
1. Effect of this change on scope of work:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Effect on operation and maintenance costs:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Yes	No	Not Applicable
3. Will this Change Order change the number of beneficiaries or TxCDBG contract Performance Statement Exhibit A?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Has this change created new circumstances or environmental conditions which may affect the project's impact, such as concealed or unexpected conditions discovered during actual construction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Is the TCEQ clearance still valid?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Are other TxCDBG contractual special condition clearances still valid?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. If new items are included that were not included in the competitive bid, have the prices been determined to be reasonable?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Change Order Summary

Original Contract Price:	\$352,701.00	Original Contract End Date:	
Net Previous Change Order(s):	\$80,415.89	Net change of previous Change Orders (days):	
This Net Change Order:	(\$1,987.00)	Increase/Decrease of this Change Order (days):	
New Contract Price:	\$431,129.89	Change Order Contract End Date	
Cumulative % Change:	22.237%		

NOTE: Change orders for an increase of more than 25% will be rejected. The State of Texas considers a change in the construction contract price of greater than 25% to be non-competitive, as other potential bidders did not have the opportunity to bid on the true scope of the project during the procurement process. Grant Recipient must rebid project in the event of an increase greater than 25%.

Grant Recipient Approval (REQUIRED)

Authorized Signature

Date

Tim Kelty, City Manager

Authorized Signatory's Name and Title

Engineer's Recommendation

Engineer's Signature

Date

Tyler Campbell, Project Engineer

Engineer's Name

Contractor's Authorization

Contractor's Signature

Date

John Sigford, President

Contractor's Name and Title

To receive an email copy of the TDA response, provide contact information below

Name	Email	+
Tim Kelty, City Manager	tkelty@rockdaletx.gov	-
Tyler Campbell, Project Engineer	tcampbell@ksaeng.com	-
Veronica Pauda, Grant Manager	veronica@ksbr-llc.com	-

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This Net Change Order:	(\$1,987.00)	Increase/decrease of this Change Order (days):	
Net Change Order Approved:		Increase/decrease of this Change Order Approved:	
Approved Contract Amount:		Approved Contract Time:	

Notes:

Contract Specialist Signature

Date

Director Signature (optional)

Date

Sco Incorporated

2329 County Road 348
Jewett, Texas 75846

Project: Rockdale Sidewalk

Date: 1/6/2026

Owner: City of Rockdale

GC: S-Co, Inc

Change Order#

4

Item Description	Qty	UOM	Unit Price	Total Price	Days add/(deduct)
1 Insertavalve Installation	-1	EA	\$ 13,521.00	\$(13,521.00)	
2 Line Stop With Gate Valve Installation	1	EA	\$ 11,534.00	\$ 11,534.00	2

Price of change- ADD/(DEDUCT): \$ (1,987.00)
Days- ADD/(DEDUCT):

S-Co, Inc

Name: Jerry Sigford
Signature: J. Sigford
Date: 1/6/2026

Owner/GC

Name _____

Signature

Date:

Meeting Date: January 12, 2026
Department: Administration
Prepared By: Tiffany McCarver
Source of Funds:

Item Number: 9
(City Secretary's Use Only)
Cost / Budget: NA
Exhibits: None

Subject

Consider and take any necessary action approving an amendment to the City of Rockdale Personnel Policy regarding part-time and temporary employees.

Recommendation

Staff recommends Council approve the Ordnance upon second reading.

Discussion

Currently, part-time employees for the city of Rockdale do not receive benefits such as retirement, insurance, vacation, sick, and holiday pay. As far as anyone knows they never have. However, it was recently discovered that the City of Rockdale Personnel Policy stipulates that they are supposed to receive those benefits. Offering Retirement benefits to part-time employees is contrary to the rules set up by TMRS for retirement benefits. Additionally, our contract for health insurance with our provider stipulates that coverage only includes full-time employees. I am unaware of any City that provides these benefits to part time employees.

It is proposed that the Rockdale Personnel Policy be amended to read as follows:

Section 5.04 Workweek

(c) Part-Time employees will only receive pay for the time actually worked, which time must be verified by the appropriate department head. Part-time employees are not eligible for vacation, sick leave, holiday benefits, retirement, insurance, or other benefits.

Section 6.03 Part-time and Temporary rates.

An employee who regularly is scheduled and works less than the established workday or workweek and works on average less than 30 hours per week shall be considered a part-time employee. An employee who is hired for a specific season or period of time not to exceed 6 months in length shall be considered a temporary employee. A temporary employee may work a normal workday and earn overtime accordingly during the duration of their assignment. Part-time and temporary employees shall not be eligible to receive retirement benefits, insurance, vacation, sick, or holiday leave, or other benefits available to full-time employees.

Signature

Date

Department Head

Signature

Date

City Manager

Meeting Date:	January 12, 2026	Item Number:	10
Department:	Admin		<i>(City Secretary's Use Only)</i>
Prepared By:	Shanna Johnson 636-217 Election Expenses	Cost / Budget:	TBD / \$6500
Source of Funds:		Exhibits:	Ordinance

Subject

Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance ordering and establishing procedures for a 2026 General Election to elect one (1) Council Member for the East Ward and one (1) Council Member for the West Ward in the City of Rockdale. **(Johnson)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the General Election for May 2, 2026.

Discussion

This year's positions up for election include Dave Melton for the East Ward and Lin Perry for the West Ward. According to the election law calendar from the Secretary of State, staff will accept applications from January 14th through February 13, 2026. Applications can be downloaded from the city website or received from the city secretary.

Approved By

Department Head	Signature <i>Shanna Johnson</i>	Date 1/7/2026
City Manager	Signature	Date

ORDINANCE 2026-01-12 (10)

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2026, unless superseded by State or Federal law, there shall be elected the following officials for this City: one (1) Councilmember - East Ward and one (1) Councilmember -West Ward;

WHEREAS, the Texas Election Code Is applicable to said election and this Ordinance establishes procedures consistent with the Code, and designates the voting place for the election;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS:

Section 1. General Election. The General Election of the City shall be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, unless superseded by State or Federal law, City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, Texas to elect one Councilmember to the East Ward and one Councilmember to the West Ward to serve a term of three (30 years each. Candidates at the election for the above offices shall file their application to become candidates with the City Secretary of the City at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, Texas between 8:30 a.m. on January 14, 2026, and 4:30 p.m. on February 13, 2026. All applications for candidacy shall be on a form as prescribed by the Texas Election Code. The order in which names of the candidates for each office are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing conducted by the City Secretary. The drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on February 20, 2026, at Rockdale City Hall.

Section 2. Ballots. Electronic ballots using the Verity electronic voting system shall be used for the election. The electronic voting machines shall be programmed in such a manner as to prevent a voter from voting in the city election in which he or she is not entitled to vote. Use of paper ballots to be voted by mail remain the same.

Section 3. Printed Materials. The official ballots, together with such other election materials as are required by the Texas Election Code as amended, shall be printed in both English and Spanish languages and shall contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law.

Section 4. Early Voting. Early Voting by personal experience will be conducted each day at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave., Rockdale, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 20, 2026, and ending on April 26, 2026. Extended hours for early

voting by personal appearance will be conducted at City Hall on April 28 and April 29, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2026.

Section 5. Election Day Voting. Voting by personal appearance on Election Day will be conducted at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave., Rockdale, Texas between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 2, 2026.

Section 6. Notice of Election. Notice of the election shall be given in the manner as provided in the Texas Election Code and the City Charter. A notice containing a substantial copy of this Ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the governing body at City Hall and at the foresaid polling place not later than the twenty-first (21) day before the election, and by publishing said Notice of Election at least one time, not earlier than the thirty (30) days nor later than ten (10) days prior to said election, in a newspaper in general circulation in the City. The Mayor shall give notice of this election in accordance with terms and provisions of this Section, and all necessary orders and writs therefore shall be issued by the proper authority.

Section 7. General. The general election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code and, to the extent not inconsistent therewith, the City Charter. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct said election. Returns of the election shall be made known as soon as possible after closing of the polls; and the election returns shall be canvassed by the City Council not earlier than May 5, 2026, not later than May 16, 2026.

Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 12 day of January 2026.

FINALLY PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this the day of February 2026.

City of Rockdale, Texas

ATTEST:

Ward Roddam, Mayor

Shanna Johnson
City Secretary

Meeting Date: January 12, 2026
Department: Administration
Prepared By: Tim Kelty/Jim Gibson
Source of Funds: _____

Item Number: 11
(City Secretary's Use Only)
Cost / Budget: _____
Exhibits: Ordinance, annexation petition

Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider and take any necessary action approving the first reading of an ordinance approving the petition for annexation of property at the 600 Block of North FM 908 (property ID 17534), Rockdale Texas 76567

Recommendation

Staff recommends Council approve the first reading of the ordinance.

Discussion

The Rockdale MDD purchased this 100-acre tract at the end of October 2025 with the intended purpose of developing it as a new industrial park. The MDD is currently in negotiation with a qualified developer to partner with to develop this project. They are planning for the extension of both Rockdale municipal water and sewer to serve the property. They have submitted a petition to be voluntarily annexed into the city.

At the last council meeting Council accepted their petition and set today as the date for a public hearing. After the public hearing, council may formally consider their petition and act on the first reading of the ordinance to annex the property.

Additionally, the MDD is requesting that the property be designated and Industrial Zoning upon annexation.

Signature

Date

Department Head

Signature

Date

City Manager

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01-12 (11)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS ANNEXING 101.246000 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS, INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS, AT THE REQUEST OF THE OWNER; APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE ANNEXED AREA; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR OPEN MEETINGS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Rockdale, Texas, is a home-rule municipality authorized by State law to annex territory lying adjacent and contiguous to the City;

WHEREAS, the OWNER of the property has made written request for the City to annex such property in compliance with the *Tex. Loc. Gov't. Code*;

WHEREAS, the property is adjacent and contiguous to the present city limits;

WHEREAS, the City Council heard and has decided to grant the owners' request that the City annex said property;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted prior to consideration of this Ordinance in accordance with §43.0673 of the *Tex. Loc. Gov't. Code*;

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was published not more than twenty (20) nor less than ten (10) days prior to the public hearing;

WHEREAS, the City intends to provide services to the property to be annexed according to the agreement for the provision of services attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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

SECTION 1. That all of the above premises and findings of fact are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2. All portions of the following described properties (hereinafter referred to as the "Annexed Property"), not previously annexed into the City, are hereby annexed into the corporate limits of the City of Rockdale, said property being described in greater detail in **Exhibit B** attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein:

A0740 ARNETT, T.S.,101.246 ACRES

SECTION 3. That the provision of services agreement submitted herewith is hereby approved as part of this Ordinance, made a part hereof and attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 4. That the future owners and inhabitants of the Annexed Property shall be entitled to all of the rights and privileges of the City as set forth in the provisions of the services agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and are further bound by all acts, ordinances, and all other legal action now in full force and effect and all those which may be hereafter adopted.

SECTION 5. That the official map and boundaries of the City, heretofore adopted and amended be and hereby are amended so as to include the Annexed Property as part of the City of Rockdale.

SECTION 6. That the Annexed Property has been requested to be zoned “Industrial District – I” as provided in the City Zoning Ordinance, as amended, as permanent zoning and pursuant to such request, the City will complete such hearings and zoning process which will result in permanent zoning being Industrial District - I.

SECTION 7. That if any provision of this Ordinance or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 8. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the *Tex. Loc. Gov’t. Code*.

SECTION 9. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, *Chapt. 551, Tex. Gov’t. Code*.

PASSED AND APPROVED on First Reading this 12 day of January, 2026.

FINALLY PASSED AND APPROVED on this day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS

Shanna Johndson, City Secretary

Ward Roddam, Mayor

Exhibit A

SERVICE AGREEMENT

[SEE ATTACHED]

AGREEMENT REGARDING POST-ANNEXATION PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS

This Agreement is entered into by and between the City of Rockdale, Texas, a municipal corporation (hereinafter, the "City"), and Rockdale Municipal Development District (hereinafter, the "Owner"). The City and the Owner may be referred to herein singularly as "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, upon the request of the Owner the City intends to institute annexation proceedings for an area of land described more in **Exhibit A** and attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, less and except any property previously annexed by the City (the, "Subject Property"); and

WHEREAS, Section 43.0672, Loc. Gov't. Code, requires the Parties to enter into a written agreement identifying a list of public services to be provided to the Subject Property and a schedule for the provision of those services that are not otherwise provided on the effective date of the annexation; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is being entered into by and between the Parties to comply with Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 43, Sub-Chapter C-3, Section 43.0672, prior to the City's consideration of an Ordinance annexing the Subject Property, it being understood, acknowledged and agreed by the Parties that annexation of the Subject Property is a condition precedent to this Agreement becoming effective; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement shall be deemed effective on the effective date an Ordinance is approved by the City annexing the Subject Property (hereinafter, the "Effective Date"); and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is not included in the municipal annexation plan and is exempt from the requirements thereof; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure provided for herein and that exist and are offered by the City are sufficient to service the Subject Property on the same terms and conditions as other similarly situated properties currently within the City limits **and no capital improvements are required to offer municipal services on the same terms and conditions as other similarly situated properties within the City**; and

WHEREAS, it is found that all statutory requirements have been satisfied and the City is authorized by *Chapter 43, Loc. Gov't. Code*, to annex the Subject Property into the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

The following services and schedule represent the provision of services agreed to between the Landowner of the Subject Property and the City establishing a program under which the City will provide municipal services to the Subject Property, as required by section 43.0672 of the Texas Local Government Code. The services detailed herein will be provided at a level consistent with service levels provided to other similarly situated areas within the City.

The following services will be provided for the Subject Property on the Effective Date of annexation:

(1) **General Municipal Services.** Pursuant to the requests of the owner and this Agreement, the following services shall be provided immediately from the effective date of the annexation:

A. Police protection as follows:

Routine patrols of areas, radio response to calls for police service and all other police services now being offered to the citizens of the City. Upon annexation, police protection will be provided to the Subject Property at a level consistent with the service to other areas of the City with similar population density and characteristics. The City's police services include neighborhood patrols, criminal investigations, crime prevention, and community services.

B. Fire protection and Emergency Medical Services as follows:

Fire protection by the present personnel and equipment of the City fire fighting force and the Volunteer fire fighting force with the limitations of water available. Radio response for Emergency Medical Services with the present personnel and equipment.

C. Solid waste collection services as follows:

Solid waste collection and services as now being offered to the citizens of the City. The City provides residential solid waste collection services within the City limits for a fee under a contract between the City and private refuse collection operator. The residential solid waste collection services include garbage collection, recycling, bulky item collection and yard waste collection. Commercial solid waste collection services are also available. This service will be provided for a fee to any person within the Subject Property requesting the service after the Effective Date of annexation, provided that a privately owned solid waste management service provider is unavailable. If the Subject Property is already receiving service, the City may not prohibit solid waste collection by the privately owned solid waste management service provider, nor may the City offer solid waste collection services for a period of two (2) years following the Effective Date of the annexation unless a privately owned solid waste management service provider is or becomes unavailable, as established by Texas Local Government Code section 43.0661. If a landowner uses the services of a privately owned solid waste management service provider or services are available from a privately owned solid waste management service provider during the two (2) years following annexation, the City will not provide solid waste collection services to that landowner.

D. Animal control as follows:

Service by present personnel, equipment and facilities or by contract with a third party, as provided within the City.

E. Maintenance of City-owned parks and playgrounds within the City.

F. Inspection services in conjunction with building permits and routine City code enforcement services by present personnel, equipment and facilities. Municipal Court and General Administration services will also be available to property owners and residents in the Subject Property on the same basis those facilities are available to current City property owners and residents.

G. Maintenance of other City facilities, buildings, and service.

H. Land use regulation as follows:

On the effective date of annexation, the zoning jurisdiction of the City shall be extended to include the annexed area. The process to rezone the Subject Property upon request of the landowner has been undertaken with notices of rezoning having been started and, subject to successful annexation, will be completed at or shortly after annexation, with the understanding that the Owner has requested Industrial. The Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council are in the process of considering the rezoning the Subject Property in response to request of the Landowners. The City will impose and enforce its adopted ordinances, including but not limited to, zoning, subdivision development, site development and building code regulations within the Subject Property upon the Effective Date of the annexation. Enforcement will be in accordance with City

ordinances. Development plans and plats for projects within the Subject Property will be reviewed for compliance with City standards.

(2) **Scheduled Municipal Services.** Due to the size and vacancy of the Subject Property, the plans and schedule for the development of the Subject Property, the following municipal services will be provided on a schedule and at increasing levels of service as provided herein:

A. Water service and maintenance of water facilities as follows:

(i) Inspection of water distribution lines as provided by statutes of the State of Texas.

(ii) In accordance with the applicable rules and regulations for the provision of water service, water service has NOT been provided to the Subject Property, or applicable portions thereof. While a nearby utility may claim that it holds a water certificate of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) for the Subject Property, or portions thereof as applicable, no such services have been provided to the Subject Property and are not presently being provided to the Subject Property. The Subject Property’s owner desires to be served by and connected to the City’s water utility system; the Subject Property’s owner shall construct the internal water lines and pay the costs of line extension and construction of such facilities necessary to provide water service to the Subject Property as required in City ordinances. Upon acceptance of the water lines within the Subject Property and any off-site improvements, water service will be provided by the City utility department on the same terms, conditions and requirements as are applied to all similarly situated areas and customers of the City; subject to all the ordinances, regulations and policies of the City in effect from time to time. The system will be accepted and maintained by the City in accordance with its usual acceptance and maintenance policies. New water line extensions will be installed and extended upon request under the same costs and terms as with other similarly situated and/or zoned customers of the City. The ordinances of the City in effect at the time a request for service is submitted shall govern the costs and request for service. The continued use of a water well that is in use on the effective date of the annexation and is in compliance with applicable rules and regulations shall be permitted and such use may continue until the Subject Property’s owner requests and is able to connect to the City’s water utility system.

B. Wastewater service and maintenance of wastewater service as follows:

(i) Inspection of sewer lines, if any, as provided by statutes of the State of Texas.

(ii) In accordance with the applicable rules and regulations for the provision of wastewater service, wastewater service will be provided to the Subject Property, or applicable portions thereof, by the utility holding a wastewater CCN for the Subject Property, or portions thereof as applicable, or absent a wastewater CCN, by the utility in whose jurisdiction the Subject Property, or portions thereof as applicable, is located, in accordance with all the ordinances, regulations, and policies of the City in effect from time to time for the extension of wastewater service. If connected to the City’s wastewater utility system, the Subject Property’s owner shall construct the internal wastewater lines and pay the costs of line extension and construction of facilities necessary to provide wastewater service to the Subject Property as required in City ordinances. Upon acceptance of the wastewater lines within the Subject Property and any off-site improvements, wastewater service will be provided by the City utility department on the same terms, conditions and requirements as are applied to all similarly situated areas and customers of the City, subject to all the ordinances, regulations and policies of the City in effect from time to time. The wastewater

system will be accepted and maintained by the City in accordance with its usual policies. Requests for new wastewater line extensions will be installed and extended upon request under the same costs and terms as with other similarly situated customers of the City. The ordinances in effect at the time a request for service is submitted shall govern the costs and request for service.

C. Maintenance of streets and rights-of-way constructed in accordance with the criteria established by the City in its ordinances for use as public streets as appropriate, and accepted by the City, as follows:

(i) Provide maintenance services on existing public streets within the Subject Property, if any exist, and other streets that are hereafter constructed and finally accepted by the City. The maintenance of the streets and roads will be limited as follows:

1. Emergency maintenance of streets, repair of hazardous potholes, measures necessary for traffic flow, etc.; and

2. Routine maintenance as presently performed by the City on current public streets.

D. The City will maintain dedicated and accepted public streets within the Subject Property, and following acceptance of new roadways by the City as provided by city ordinance, including any required traffic signals, traffic signs, street markings, other traffic control devices and street lighting, the City will maintain such newly constructed public streets, roadways and rights-of-way within the boundaries of the Subject Property.

(3) **Capital Improvements.** Construction of the following capital improvements shall be initiated after the effective date of the annexation: None. Upon development of the Subject Property or redevelopment, the Landowner will be responsible for the development costs the same as a developer in a similarly situated area under the ordinances in effect at the time of development or redevelopment. No additional capital improvements are necessary at this time to service the Subject Property the same as similarly situated properties. When deemed necessary, capital improvement acquisition or construction will occur in accordance with applicable ordinances and regulations and the adopted capital improvement plans of the City, as applicable and amended, which are incorporated herein by reference.

(4) **Term.** If not previously expired, this agreement expires at the end of ten (10) years.

(5) **Property Description.** The legal description of the Subject Property is as set forth in the Annexation Ordinance and exhibits attached to the Annexation Ordinance to which this Agreement is attached.

(6) **Binding Effect/Authority.** This Agreement binds and inures to the benefit of the Parties and their respective heirs, successors, and permitted assigns. Each Party further warrants that each signatory to this Agreement is legally authorized to bind the respective individual or entity for the purposes established herein.

(7) **Choice of Law.** This Agreement will be construed under the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to choice-of-law rules of any jurisdiction. Venue for any dispute shall lie exclusively in Milam County, Texas.

(8) **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts with the same effect as if all signatory Parties had signed the same document. All counterparts will be construed together and will constitute one and the same instrument.

(9) **Legal Construction.** If any provision in this Agreement is for any reason found to be unenforceable, to the extent the unenforceability does not destroy the basis of the bargain among the Parties, the unenforceability will not affect any other provision hereof, and this Agreement will be construed as if the unenforceable provision had never been a part of the Agreement. Whenever context requires, the singular will include the plural and neuter include the masculine or feminine gender, and vice versa. Headings in this Agreement are for reference only and are not intended to restrict or define the text of any section. This Agreement will not be construed more or less favorably between the Parties by reason of authorship or origin of language.

(10) **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire Agreement between the Parties relating to the rights herein granted and the obligations herein assumed and cannot be varied except by written agreement of the Parties. Any oral representation or modification concerning this instrument shall be of no force and effect except for any subsequent modification in writing, signed by the Party to be charged.

EXECUTED and AGREED to by the Parties this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS

Shanna Johnson, City Secretary

Tim Kelty, City Manager

OWNER:

BY: _____

_____, **President of Rockdale Municipal Development District**

Date: _____

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF MILAM §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared _____, President of the Rockdale Municipal Development District, owner of the Subject Property and Petitioner herein, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they had authority to bind the entity and that they executed the same for the purposes therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE on this the ___ day of January 12, 2026.

(SEAL)

Notary Public - State of Texas

Exhibit B

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT "A"



In Re: 101.246 Acres
All of the residue of a called 160 Acre tract
Timothy S. Arnett Survey
Abstract No. 74
Milam County, Texas

All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Milam County, Texas, being a part of the Timothy S. Arnett Survey, Abstract No. 74, being all the residue of a called 160 Acre tract conveyed from Lewis L. Bradley, Jr. to Lewis L. Bradley, Jr., Living Trust by deed dated August 10, 1999 recorded in Volume 803 Page 531 of the Official Records of Milam County, Texas and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows to wit:

BEGINNING at a found axle on the east Right-of-Way line of Farm-to-Market Highway 908, at the northwest corner of a called 2.0 Acre tract conveyed to Dieckman One LLC in Document No. 2021-35, for the southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE along the said east Right-of-Way line of Farm-to-Market Highway 908 for the following courses and distances:

Along an arc of a curve to the right with an arc length of 252.61', a radius of 2793.00', a chord bearing of N 69°05'49" W, and a chord length of 252.52' to a set 1/2" iron rod with red plastic cap marked "TRIAD RPLS 5952" for an exterior ell corner of this tract;

N 66°31'30" W - 697.32' to a set 1/2" iron rod with red plastic cap marked "TRIAD RPLS 5952" for an exterior ell corner of this tract;

Along an arc of a curve to the right with an arc length of 549.73', a radius of 1110.38', a chord bearing of N 52°14'35" W, and a chord length of 544.13' to a found concrete monument, for an exterior ell corner of this tract;

N 37°45'12" W - 850.07' to a found concrete monument, for an interior ell-corner of this tract;

Along an arc of a curve to the left with an arc length of 468.83', a radius of 2695.84', a chord bearing of N 43°48'37" W, and a chord length of 468.24' to a set 1/2" iron rod with red plastic cap marked "TRIAD RPLS 5952" at the southwest corner of a called 0.46 Acre tract conveyed to Oncor Electric Delivery Company in Volume 873, Page 338, for the most southerly northwest corner of this tract, from which a found Aluminum Disk "TXDOT R.O.W." for reference bears N 68°33'23" E - 30.91';

THENCE along the south and east lines, respectively, of the said 0.46 Acre tract for the following courses and distances:

N 68°33'23" E - 195.54' to a found 5/8" iron pipe at the southeast corner of the said 0.46 Acre tract, for an interior ell corner of this tract;

N 47°47'57" W - 116.46' to a found 5/8" iron pipe on the south line of a called 10.904 Acre tract conveyed to Casey M. Rutherford in Volume 1338, Page 367, at the northeast corner of the said 0.46 Acre tract, for the northerly northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N 68°53'34" E - 2,124.84' along the south lines of said 10.904 Acre tract and a called 18.916 Acre tract conveyed to Janet Parsley in Volume 1140, Page 181, respectively, to a found 3/8" iron rod on the west line of a called 67-1/5 Acre tract conveyed to William C. Raymond in Volume 476, Page 175, at the southeast corner of the said 18.916 Acre tract, for the northeast corner of this tract

THENCE S 21°54'34" E - 2,464.22' along the west lines of the said 67-1/5 Acre tract and a called 50-1/3 Acre tract conveyed to Bill Foster in Volume 1240, Page 533, respectively, to a set 1/2" iron rod with red plastic cap marked "TRIAD RPLS 5952" on the north line of the residue of a called

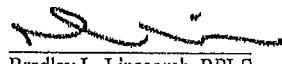
154.52 Acre tract—Tract Three conveyed to Bill Foster in Volume 823, Page 179, for the southeast corner of this tract;

THE NCE S 68°08'57" W - 912.77' along the north lines of the said residue of the 154.52 Acre tract and the said 2.0 Acre tract, respectively, to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing within these metes and bounds 101.246 Acres of land.

Bearings are based on the Texas State Plane Coordinate System of 1983, Texas Central Zone.

I, Bradley L. Lipscomb, Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 5952 in the State of Texas, do hereby certify that this survey was performed on the ground under my supervision and that the field notes hereon are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Given under my hand and seal this 30th day of July 2025.


Bradley L. Lipscomb, RPLS



Meeting Date: January 12, 2026
Department: Development Services
Prepared By: Ben Blanchard, City Planner
Source of Funds: N/A

Item Number: 12
(City Secretary's Use Only)
Cost / Budget: N/A
Exhibits: Resolution, Wait list policy, Marketing plan, Language access plan

Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider and take any necessary action on a zoning request for property located in the 600 block of N FM 908 (Property ID: 17534) to zone the property to Industrial zoning classification (I).

Recommendation

The Planning Commission recommend approval.

Discussion

The Planning Commission reviewed this item at their January 6th meeting and unanimously recommended approval of the Industrial zoning request. This item did have enough landowners opposed to the zoning request that it would take a **super majority (75%) approval** from Council.

Recently, the Rockdale Municipal Development District (MDD) acquired property just north of the city limits line. The City recently received an annexation petition for this property to set the public hearing dates of the annexation. The City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the request at their January 12th, 2026, meeting. Before that meeting, the council has requested that the Planning Commission review the zoning request. The landowner is requesting that the property be zoned as Industrial as this property is intended for an industrial park.

In the adopted comprehensive plan, a future land use map (FLUM) was adopted. This map was adopted for the intention of guiding development and not as a regulatory document. The FLUM recommends that this area be developed as "new neighborhood" which is an open zoning designation that allows for different types of residential structures and smaller commercial nodes that fit the neighborhood. In the FLUM, the Industrial development was foreseen to be on the far east side of the extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Although the zoning proposal does not follow the FLUM, city staff along with the MDD believe that the proposed industrial park will be of great benefit to the city and developed in a manner that is not harmful to already existing properties.

Approved By

Department Head	Signature Ben Blanchard	Date 1/6/26
City Manager	Signature	Date

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL OF ROCKDALE

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of January, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall located at 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas, the City Council will hold a public hearing and a meeting of the City Council to consider the zoning of property ID 17534 (property located in the 600 block of N FM 908) to Industrial (I) zoning classification.

Zoning regulations and maps are available for viewing at City Hall and comments may be submitted in writing prior to the public hearings at City Hall or in person at the public hearing from all interested persons. All requests and comments should be directed in writing to Shanna Johnson, City Secretary at Rockdale City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave., Rockdale, Texas, by mail or in person between 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



City of Rockdale

December 15, 2025

To: All Landowners within 200 feet of property described as A0740 Arnett, T.S., 101.246 Acres, Property ID 17534, City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas (property located in the 600 block of N FM 908)

RE: Zoning Request

Dear Property Owner:

There will be two public hearings regarding this zoning item. First, the **Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on January 6th, 2026 at 1:30 P.M., at City Hall** located at 505 W Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, Texas, to accept public comments and to consider a zoning designation request for property described as A0740 Arnett, T.S., 101.246 Acres, Property ID 17534, City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas to Industrial (I) zoning classification. Secondly, the **City Council will hold a Public Hearing on January 12th, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall** located at 505 W Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, Texas, to accept public comments and to consider a zoning designation request for property described as A0740 Arnett, T.S., 101.246 Acres, Property ID 17534, City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas to Industrial (I) zoning classification.

All property owners within 200 feet of this property to be zoned to the Industrial (I) designation are invited to attend one or both of the public hearings which will allow the Planning and Zoning Commission or City Council to accept comments from each person wishing to speak. You are being notified so that you may attend any of the above hearings. Property owners within 200 feet of a property apply for a zoning designation may comment on the request. If you are unable to attend, you may make your comments on the bottom of the letter and return it to my attention.

The zoning map is available for inspection during the hours of 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday at the above listed address. You may also view the map on the city website at rockdaletx.gov. If special assistance is required, please contact us at the listed phone number below.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Blanchard
City Planner

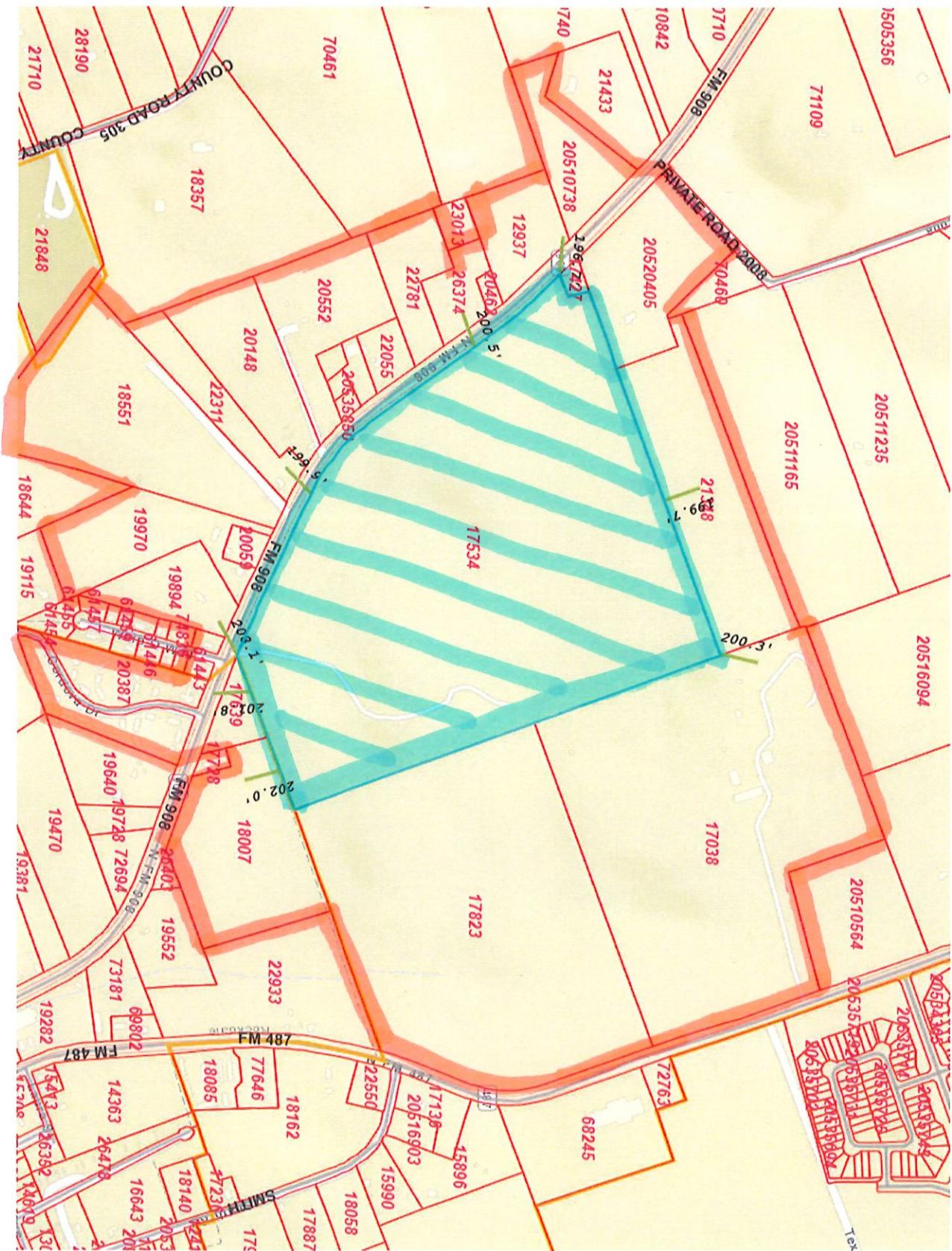
Comments:

(use back of form if additional space is needed)

Printed Name

Signature

Date



Property ID	Property Address	Owner	Address	City	ST	Zip	Area	Potential Protest Interest
17534	Arnett, T.S., 101.246 Acres	Rockdale MDD	134 N Main St	Rockdale	TX	76567	4,410,275.76	27.83%
17639	512 N FM 908	Cheryl L & Bobbie G Troy Jr	506 Waterway Ave	Hutto	TX	78634	87,120.00	0.55%
18007	Arnett, T.S., 14.52 Acres	Bill Foster	576 FM 1712	Rockdale	TX	76567	632,491.20	3.99%
17823	Arnett, T.S., 60.5 Acres	Bill Foster	576 FM 1712	Rockdale	TX	76567	2,635,380.00	16.63%
17038	955 N FM 487	William C Raymond	P.O. Box 1432	Rockdale	TX	76567	2,548,260.00	16.08%
21348	Arnett, T.S., 17.626 Acres	Janet Lynn Lewis	5898 FM 2095	Cameron	TX	76520	767,788.56	4.84%
20520405	1270 N FM 908	Casey & Kelcie Rutherford	1270 N FM 908	Rockdale	TX	76567	474,978.24	3.00%
17427	1188 N FM 908	Oncor Electric Delivery Company	c/o State & Local Tax Dept. P.O. Box 139100	Dallas	TX	75313	20,037.60	0.13%
20510738	1245 N FM 908	Rachel Cervantes	P.O. Box 769	Rockdale	TX	76567	256,524.84	1.62%
12937	Arnett, T.S., 5.421 Acres	Data Factory Texas LLC	1000 Island Blvd #609	Aventura	FL	33160	236,138.76	1.49%
20462	1107 N FM 908	Samuel Charles Bland	963 N FM 908	Rockdale	TX	76567	21,780.00	0.14%
26374	1029 N FM 908	Oncor Electric Delivery Company	c/o State & Local Tax Dept. P.O. Box 139100	Dallas	TX	75313	125,452.80	0.79%
22781	Arnett, T.S., 5.019 Acres	Charles Bland	963 N FM 908	Rockdale	TX	76567	218,671.20	1.38%
22055	963 N FM 908	Charles Bland	963 N FM 908	Rockdale	TX	76567	87,120.00	0.55%
20311	963 N FM 908	Charles Bland	963 N FM 908	Rockdale	TX	76567	60,984.00	0.38%
20535850	909 N FM 908	Paul Carrizales	909 N FM 908	Rockdale	TX	76567	13,503.60	0.09%
21665	Arnett, T.S., .258 Acres	Harry L Ormsby	P.O. Box 895	Rockdale	TX	76567	11,325.60	0.07%
20138	Arnett, T.S., .5 Acres	Harry L Ormsby	P.O. Box 895	Rockdale	TX	76567	21,780.00	0.14%
20552	855 N FM 908	Harry L Ormsby	P.O. Box 895	Rockdale	TX	76567	406,850.40	2.57%
20148	851 N FM 908	Joel & Joleen Cowan Revocable Living Trust	922 Kathy	Caldwell	TX	77836	397,267.20	2.51%
22311	803 N FM 908	Juan Rubio Jr	672 FM 1600	Cameron	TX	76520	220,849.20	1.39%
18551	781 N FM 908	Ben E Callaway	326 Charles St	Rockdale	TX	76567	1,089,000.00	6.87%
19970	691 N FM 908	Pamela Morison	691 FM 908	Rockdale	TX	76567	389,121.48	2.46%
20059	715 N FM 908	Katherine Quinney	715 N FM 908	Rockdale	TX	76567	38,768.40	0.24%
19894	657 N FM 908	Clayton C Connell	657 N FM 908	Rockdale	TX	76567	225,205.20	1.42%
61462	118 Whip-O-Will	Elizabeth Mendoza-Perez & Valerio Martinez-Ayala	620 Cypress Trail Lp	Rockdale	TX	76567	15,246.00	0.10%
61443	133 Whip-O-Will	Crystal & Michael Laws	133 Whip O Will	Rockdale	TX	76567	14,331.24	0.09%
20387	100 Cordova	Rockdale Housing Authority	c/o Mario Casarez 100 Cordova Dr	Rockdale	TX	76567	421,660.80	2.66%

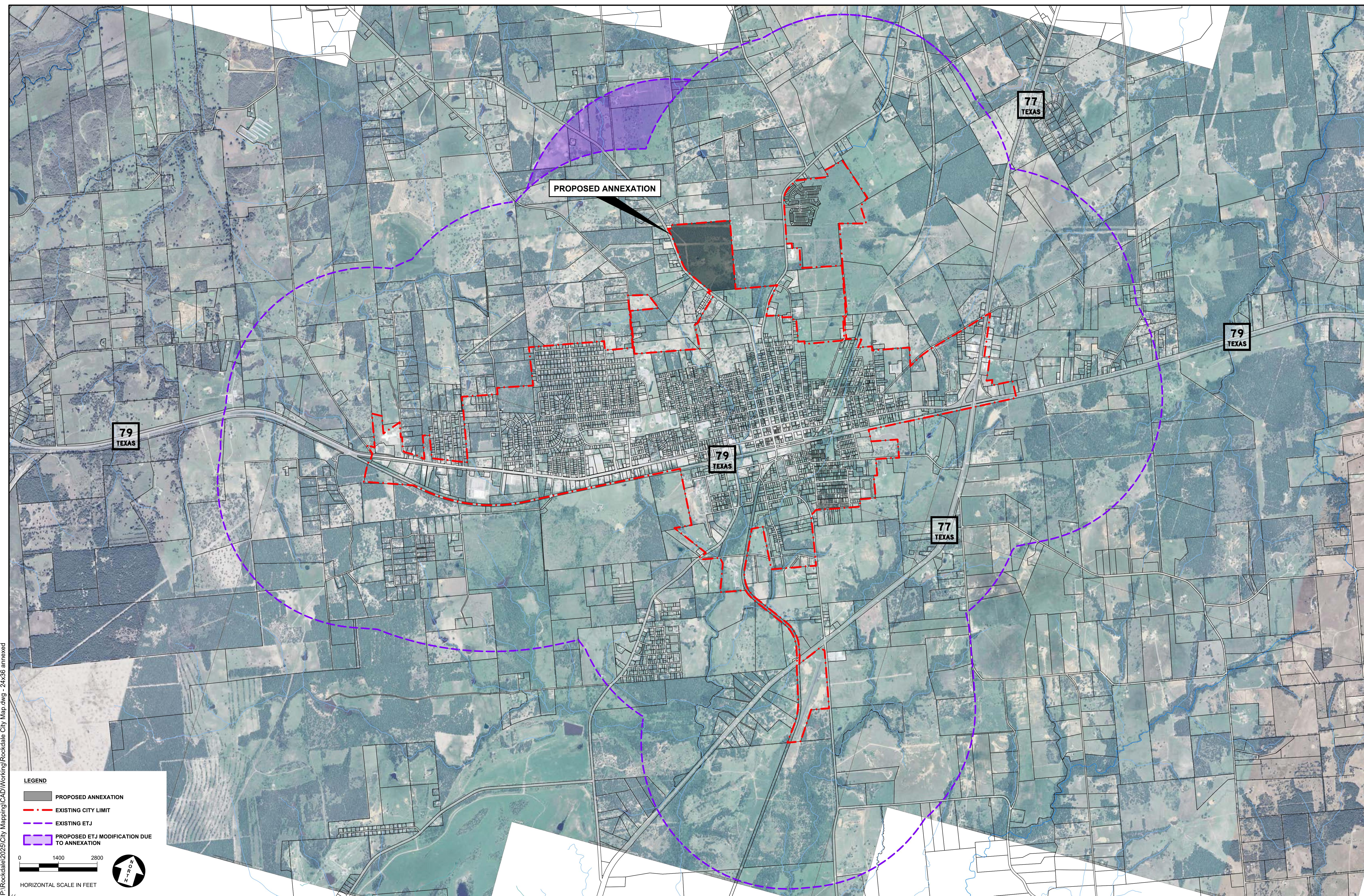
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100.00%

Subject Property
 Property within 200 Feet
 Protest

Protest:

39.16%



ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY ZONING A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND TO INDUSTRIAL ZONING CLASSIFICATION; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the legal owner of property described as A0740 Arnett, T.S., 100 Acres, City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas (more commonly known as Property ID 17534 – property located in the 600 block of N FM 908) has requested that the property be zoned upon annexation to Industrial zoning classification (I).

WHEREAS, proper written notice was given to the owners of land within two hundred feet of the property proposed for zoning at least ten (10) days prior to public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission considered the zoning request at a public hearing on January 6, 2026 and after such hearing made a final recommendation of rezoning to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, proper notice of public hearing before the City Council was placed in the City's official newspaper at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a public hearing on January 12, 2026 at which citizens were allowed to speak for or against the proposed zoning request; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that approving the zoning request for the subject's property is in the best interests of the community to promote economic development, orderly growth and the general welfare of the community.

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

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The above and foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of fact.

Section 2. Amendment of Zoning Ordinance. As amended, the City of Rockdale Zoning Ordinance (the "Zoning Ordinance" or the "Code"), is hereby modified and amended by designating the zoning district for the land and parcel of the following property:

A0740 Arnett, T.S., 100 Acres (Property ID 17534 – property located in the 600 block of N FM 908), City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas;

Zoning district (I) Industrial.

Section 3. Amendment of Zoning Map. The City Manager is hereby instructed to amend the official zoning map to reflect the designated zoning for referenced property.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, and sections of the City Code of Ordinances, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this ordinance and any other code or ordinance of the city, the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall govern.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, unlawful, unenforceable, or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect other provisions or application hereof which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council and publication as required by the City Charter and the Texas Local Government Code.

Section 7. Open Meeting Act. It is officially found and determine that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading on this the January 12th, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading on this the February 9th, 2026.

ATTEST

THE CITY OF ROCKDALE

Shanna Johnson
City Secretary

Ward Roddam, Mayor

Meeting Date: January 12, 2026
Department: Boards/Commissions
Prepared By: Shanna Johnson
Source of Funds: N/A

Item Number: 13
(City Secretary's Use Only)
Cost / Budget: N/A
Exhibits: _____

Subject

Consider and take any necessary action on appointments to the Building Standards Commission.
(Johnson)

Recommendation

Appoint the following:

Place 1: Ferlando Giles (11/2027) Place 4: Bud Houston (11/2028)
Place 2: Braden Wallis (11/2028) Place 5: TBD (11/2027)
Place 3: Weston Pokorny (11/2027) Alternates: TBD (1-8)

Discussion

The Building Standards Commission meets on an as needed basis to hear cases involving buildings that may be substandard and may order the repair, securing or demolition of substandard buildings.

The commission consists of five (5) regular members and up to eight (8) alternates to serve a 2-year term. Once a meeting is scheduled, a full quorum of the 5 members must be present to hear about the cases brought before it by the city attorney and Development Services department.

BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION	Regular (2) Member - Place 1	Regular (2) Member - Place 2	Regular (2) Member - Place 3	Regular (2) Member - Place 4	Regular (2) Member - Place 5			
Est. 08/10/09	Richard Henderson 11/2023	Bud Houston 11/2024	Ferlando Giles 11/2023	John Marshall 11/2024	Fernando Gonzalez 11/2023			
	Alternate - Place 1 11/2023	Alternate - Place 2 11/2024	Alternate - Place 3 11/2024	Alternate - Place 4 11/2024	Alternate - Place 5 11/2022	Alternate - Place 6 11/2022	Alternate - Place 7 11/2023	Alternate - Place 8 11/2022
	Sonny Lillard 11/2023	Weston Pokorny 11/2024	Braden Wallis 11/2024					

To make recommendations to Council on building standards (2 yr terms - Odd # Places expire odd yrs/Even # Places expire even yrs). Members shall be residents of the City and shall be appointed by Council.

Approved By

Signature

Date

Department Head

Signature

Date

City Manager

TEXAS

ROCKDALE

EST 1874

CITY OF ROCKDALE

BOARDS & COMMISSION APPLICATION

Name: John "Bud" Houston

Home Address: 218 Cherry Lane

Mailing Address: same

E-mail address: BudR07Houston@gmail.com

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: 512-429-0344

Occupation: (if retired list former occupation) Electrical Self Employed

Number of years as a Rockdale resident: 20 City Limits? Yes No

Previous experience on boards, commissions, or other civic organizations:

Board or Organization	City, State	Dates	Your Role
<u>Chamber</u>	<u>Rockdale</u>		<u>Vice President</u>
<u>Planning and Zoning</u>			

Please describe any special knowledge, qualifications or expertise that relates to your possible appointment:

Please give a brief statement why you would like to be appointed to a board or Commission:

Appointments will be made on an as needed basis. Please indicate your preference below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Standards Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Airport Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Development District Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Library Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Zoning Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Authority Board

Please note: While there is no guarantee of an appointment, all applications will be considered equally. Applications will be kept on file for one year and then either updated or withdrawn by the applicant.

Recognizing that serving on a Board or Commission is often time consuming, most meet on a monthly basis, are you committed to attending all regularly scheduled meetings? _____

Applicants Signature: John Houston

Date: 1-6-16

*Please complete and return to Shanna Johnson, City Secretary
505 West Cameron Ave Post Office box 586, Rockdale, Tx 76567*

TEXAS
ROCKDALE
EST 1874
CITY OF ROCKDALE
BOARDS & COMMISSION
APPLICATION

Name: Fowleroo Giles
Home Address: 1908 REOBURG DR. Rockdale Tx 76567
Mailing Address: same E-mail address: FGiles@PBRockdale.Com
Home Phone Number: - Cell Phone Number: 678-429-6638
Occupation: (if retired list former occupation) Construction Safety
Number of years as a Rockdale resident: 13 City Limits? Yes (+ No ())

Previous experience on boards, commissions, or other civic organizations:

Board or Organization	City, State	Dates	Your Role
ROCKDALE Y. FORTRESS	Rockdale Tx	2023-2024	MEMBER
BSC	Rockdale Tx	2021-2025	MEMBER
Boys & Girls Club	ATLANTA GA	2000-2005	MEMBER

Please describe any special knowledge, qualifications or expertise that relates to your possible appointment:

My Previous Membership has Given Me More Knowledge and Perspective on what the BSC Does.

Please give a brief statement why you would like to be appointed to a board or Commission:

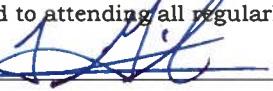
Service My Community

Appointments will be made on an as needed basis. Please indicate your preference below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Standards Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Development District Board <input type="checkbox"/> Parks Board <input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Zoning Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Airport Board <input type="checkbox"/> Library Board <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Board <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Authority Board
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Please note: While there is no guarantee of an appointment, all applications will be considered equally. Applications will be kept on file for one year and then either updated or withdrawn by the applicant.

Recognizing that serving on a Board or Commission is often time consuming, most meet on a monthly basis, are you committed to attending all regularly scheduled meetings? Yes

Applicants Signature:  Date: Jan 7, 2026

Please complete and return to Shanna Johnson, City Secretary
505 West Cameron Ave Post Office box 586, Rockdale, Tx 76567

TEXAS
ROCKDALE
EST 1874
CITY OF ROCKDALE
BOARDS & COMMISSION
APPLICATION

Name: WESTON POKORNÝ

Home Address: 1406 OKELLEY RD

Mailing Address: ↑

E-mail address: WESTONPOKORNÝ@GMAIL.COM

Home Phone Number: →

Cell Phone Number: 512-309-1549

Occupation: (if retired list former occupation)

BUSINESS OWNER

Number of years as a Rockdale resident: 4 City Limits? Yes No

Previous experience on boards, commissions, or other civic organizations:

Board or Organization	City, State	Dates	Your Role
<u>BASS CONVENTION</u>	<u>CASTRO VALLEY, CA</u>	<u>2016 - 2020</u>	<u>SYSTEMS & VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR</u>

Please describe any special knowledge, qualifications or expertise that relates to your possible appointment:

CONSTRUCTION; SITE SURVEYS; PERMITTING; SIGNAGE; MAINTENANCE; TENANT IMPROVEMENTS
CO-FOUNDING OFFICER OF A 501C3

Please give a brief statement why you would like to be appointed to a board or Commission:
PREVIOUS SERVICE & INVITATION TO CONTINUE COLLABORATION
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE & CITIZENS

Appointments will be made on an as needed basis. Please indicate your preference below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Standards Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Airport Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Development District Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Library Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Zoning Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Authority Board

Please note: While there is no guarantee of an appointment, all applications will be considered equally. Applications will be kept on file for one year and then either updated or withdrawn by the applicant.

Recognizing that serving on a Board or Commission is often time consuming, most meet on a monthly basis, are you committed to attending all regularly scheduled meetings? yes

Applicants Signature: Weston Pokorný Date: 1/3/2026

Please complete and return to Shanna Johnson, City Secretary
505 West Cameron Ave Post Office box 586, Rockdale, Tx 76567

Meeting Date: January 12, 2026
Department: Boards/Commissions
Prepared By: Shanna Johnson
Source of Funds: N/A

Item Number: 14
(City Secretary's Use Only)
Cost / Budget: N/A
Exhibits: Applications

Subject

Consider and take any necessary action on appointments with the Planning Commission for terms expiring 2/2026. **(Johnson)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends re-appointing Joan Ratliff and Charles Miles.

Discussion

The Commission consists of seven citizens of the City of Rockdale who shall own real property within the City OR who must be a qualified voter and have resided within the City for at least 6 months preceding appointment. A minimum of 2/3 of the members shall be citizens not directly or indirectly connected with real estate or land development.

Commissioners Ratliff and Miles have served faithfully for many years, and the commission has recommended their re-appointment with terms expiring in 2/2029. There is still currently a vacancy on the board. Staff has posted notices. At this time there are no new applications for the commission.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION	Member (3)	Member (3)	Member (3)	Member (3)	Member (3)	Member (3)	Member (3)	Council Liaison
<i>Est. 10/09/78</i> <i>Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.</i>	Bud Houston 02/2028	Nathan Flores 02/2027	Dustin Higdon 02/2027	Doug Williams - Chair 02/2028	Joan Ratliff Vice Chair 02/2026	Charles Miles 02/2026	TBD 02/2026	Daniel Willie Appt'd 6/09/2025

To make recommendations to Council on Zoning changes. Made up of 7 citizens who shall own real property within the City or who must be a qualified voter and have resided within the City for at least 6 months preceding appointment. A minimum of 2/3 of the members shall be citizens not directly or indirectly connected with real estate or land development. (3 yr terms - minimum of 2 members being appointed each year)

Approved By

Signature

Date

TEXAS
ROCKDALE
EST 1874
CITY OF ROCKDALE
BOARDS & COMMISSION
APPLICATION

Name: Charles Miles

Home Address: 2006 SAGER RD

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail address: MLS-CHPLS@YAHOO.COM

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: 512-269-5245

Occupation: (if retired list former occupation) Barbershop Owner

Number of years as a Rockdale resident: 34 City Limits? Yes No ()

Previous experience on boards, commissions, or other civic organizations:

Board or Organization	City, State	Dates	Your Role
MOD	Rockdale TX		member
Pt Z	"		Commissioner
School Board	"		President

Please describe any special knowledge, qualifications or expertise that relates to your possible appointment:

Several boards, landlord, and mentor ..

Please give a brief statement why you would like to be appointed to a board or Commission:

I was asked and there's a need so I am willing to help with decisions pertaining to our Housing Authority.

Appointments will be made on an as needed basis. Please indicate your preference below:

Building Standards Commission
 Municipal Development District Board
 Parks Board
 Planning & Zoning Commission

Airport Board
 Library Board
 Cemetery Board

Please note: While there is no guarantee of an appointment, all applications will be considered equally. Applications will be kept on file for one year and then either updated or withdrawn by the applicant.

Recognizing that serving on a Board or Commission is often time consuming, most meet on a monthly basis, are you committed to attending all regularly scheduled meetings? YES

Applicants Signature: Charles Miles Date: 8-29-25

*Please complete and return to Shanna Johnson, City Secretary
505 West Cameron Ave Post Office box 586, Rockdale, Tx 76567*

Meeting Date: January 12, 2025
Department: Library
Prepared By: Lisa Riggs
Source of Funds: N/A

Item Number: 15
(City Secretary's Use Only)
Cost / Budget: None
Exhibits: Candidate applications

Subject

Consider and take any necessary action on Library Advisory Board appointments.

Recommendation

The Library Advisory Board Meeting will be held on January 8, 2026 and the Library Director will bring their recommendations to the January 12, 2026, meeting.

Discussion

The Library Board is made up of 8 members, appointed by city council to 3-year terms. This year two Board members terms are expiring, Belinda Hillhouse and Jan Stutzman, who were both reappointed in January 2023.

As of today, four applications have been received from the following:

1. Avi Max Gottlieb
2. Belinda Hillhouse
3. Amanda Rennemeyer
4. Tiffany Commerford Whitsel

While Ms. Hillhouse submitted an application for consideration last week, Ms. Stutzman has elected to step down when her term ends and not continue.

Other remaining board members whose terms are not expiring include:

1. Megan Birdsong
2. Sherlyn Johnson
3. Lou Ann Rubio
4. Wendi Upson
5. Gloria Walker
6. Denise Wallace

Approved By

Department Head

Lisa Riggs
 Signature

1-5-2026
 Date

City Manager

TEXAS

ROCKDALE

EST 1874

CITY OF ROCKDALE

BOARDS & COMMISSION

APPLICATION

Name: Belinda Hillhouse

Home Address: 707 Middleton St Rockdale

Mailing Address: Same E-mail address: jennyhh151@aol.com

Home Phone Number: None Cell Phone Number: 214-924-9558 8 yrs
Occupation: (if retired list former occupation) library clerk, librarian, English teacher, mechanical
Number of years as a Rockdale resident: 18 yrs City Limits? Yes No 30 yrs
engineer

Previous experience on boards, commissions, or other civic organizations:

Board or Organization	City, State	Dates	Your Role
Rockdale Library Bd	Rockdale, TX	2017 - now	member
Rock City Council	Rockdale, TX	2019 - 2021	member
" MDD	Rockdale, TX	2020 ?	member

Please describe any special knowledge, qualifications or expertise that relates to your possible appointment:

library experience, English teacher, Grad School English literature

Please give a brief statement why you would like to be appointed to a board or Commission:

Experienced people are needed - both with a literary background and knowledge of the community

Appointments will be made on an as needed basis. Please indicate your preference below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Building Standards Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Airport Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Development District Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Zoning Commission	

Please note: While there is no guarantee of an appointment, all applications will be considered equally. Applications will be kept on file for one year and then either updated or withdrawn by the applicant.

Recognizing that serving on a Board or Commission is often time consuming, most meet on a monthly basis, are you committed to attending all regularly scheduled meetings? yes, I haven't missed one yet.

Applicants Signature Belinda J. Hillhouse Date: 12-31-25

Please complete and return to Shanna Johnson, City Secretary
505 West Cameron Ave Post Office box 586, Rockdale, Tx 76567

TEXAS

ROCKDALE

EST 1874

CITY OF ROCKDALE

BOARDS & COMMISSION APPLICATION

Name: Tiffany Commerford Whitsel

Home Address: 2102 Highland Avenue Rockdale, TX 76567

Mailing Address: 2102 Highland Ave E-mail address: whitsel.tiffany@gmail.com

Home Phone Number: N/A Cell Phone Number: (512) 680-8939

Occupation: (if retired list former occupation) education

Number of years as a Rockdale resident: 10 City Limits? Yes No

Previous experience on boards, commissions, or other civic organizations:

Board or Organization	City, State	Dates	Your Role
East Wilco Boys and Girls Club	Taylor	2020-2023	boardmember
Delta Kappa Gamma Rockdale		2018-2022	president
First Presbyterian Rockdale		2022-present	elder, facilities chair
Rockdale Rotary		2016-2020, 2022-present	member, RYLA

Please describe any special knowledge, qualifications or expertise that relates to your possible appointment:

education law, education policy, finance, bond construction, grant writing, federal funding, non-profit policy

Please give a brief statement why you would like to be appointed to a board or Commission:

I believe Rockdale has tremendous potential, and I am committed to helping us plan to move forward as a community. My background in education and leadership has given me experience in strategic planning, collaboration, and community engagement. Appointments will be made on an as needed basis. Please indicate your preference below:

Building Standards Commission
 Municipal Development District Board
 Parks Board
 Planning & Zoning Commission

Airport Board
 Library Board
 Cemetery Board
 Housing Authority Board

Please note: While there is no guarantee of an appointment, all applications will be considered equally. Applications will be kept on file for one year and then either updated or withdrawn by the applicant.

Recognizing that serving on a Board or Commission is often time consuming, most meet on a monthly basis, are you committed to attending all regularly scheduled meetings?

yes, as long as they do not conflict w/ RISD school board meetings.

Applicants Signature: Tiffany C. Whitsel

Date: 9/19/2025

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TEXAS

ROCKDALE

EST 1874

CITY OF ROCKDALE

BOARDS & COMMISSION APPLICATION

Name: Amanda Hennemeyer

Home Address: 230 CR 303B Rockdale, TX 76567

Mailing Address: same as above

E-mail address: amanda@hennemeyer.com

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: (435) 225-6571

Occupation: (if retired list former occupation) homemaker

Number of years as a Rockdale resident: 6 City Limits? Yes () No

Previous experience on boards, commissions, or other civic organizations:

Board or Organization	City, State	Dates	Your Role

Please describe any special knowledge, qualifications or expertise that relates to your possible appointment:

Please give a brief statement why you would like to be appointed to a board or Commission:

I'm a frequent user of the library and would like to increase community use of it.

Appointments will be made on an as needed basis. Please indicate your preference below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Building Standards Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Airport Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Development District Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Zoning Commission	

Please note: While there is no guarantee of an appointment, all applications will be considered equally. Applications will be kept on file for one year and then either updated or withdrawn by the applicant.

Recognizing that serving on a Board or Commission is often time consuming, most meet on a monthly basis, are you committed to attending all regularly scheduled meetings? yes

Applicants Signature: Amanda Hennemeyer Date: Oct. 7 2025

*Please complete and return to Shanna Johnson, City Secretary
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TEXAS

ROCKDALE

EST 1874

CITY OF ROCKDALE

BOARDS & COMMISSION

APPLICATION

Name: Avi Max Gottlieb

Home Address: 506 E Bell Avenue, Rockdale, TX 76567

Mailing Address: 506 E Bell Avenue E-mail address: avi.gottlieb@yahoo.com

Home Phone Number: 325-808-5349 Cell Phone Number: _____

Occupation: (if retired list former occupation) Home Renovation

Number of years as a Rockdale resident: 2 City Limits? Yes No

Previous experience on boards, commissions, or other civic organizations: None

Board or Organization	City, State	Dates	Your Role

Please describe any special knowledge, qualifications or expertise that relates to your possible appointment:

I am a voracious reader and in touch with many modern issues on the subject

Please give a brief statement why you would like to be appointed to a board or Commission:

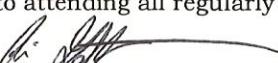
I think that libraries are an important part of society and I believe I can bring valuable and sound judgment to this board.

Appointments will be made on an as needed basis. Please indicate your preference below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Building Standards Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Airport Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Development District Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Zoning Commission	

Please note: While there is no guarantee of an appointment, all applications will be considered equally. Applications will be kept on file for one year and then either updated or withdrawn by the applicant.

Recognizing that serving on a Board or Commission is often time consuming, most meet on a monthly basis, are you committed to attending all regularly scheduled meetings? Yes

Applicants Signature:  Date: 10-10-2025

*Please complete and return to Shanna Johnson, City Secretary
505 West Cameron Ave Post Office box 586, Rockdale, Tx 76567*

Meeting Date: January 12, 2026
Department: Administration
Prepared By: Tim Kelty/Doug Roderick
Source of Funds: _____

Item Number: 16
(City Secretary's Use Only)
Cost / Budget: \$711,908 reduction in expenditures and \$400K transfer from Debt service
Exhibits: Ordinance

Subject

Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance amending the 2025/2026 Annual Budget approving an amendment to the City of Rockdale Personnel Policy regarding part-time and temporary employees.

Recommendation

Staff recommends Council approve the first reading of the ordinance.

Discussion

As discussed in November, Staff has proposed a number of cuts to the approved Fiscal Year 2025/2026 annual budget designed to help in increasing projected year end fund balances in the General and Enterprise funds. The budget previously proposed drew down the General Fund fund balance by \$498,000 and the Enterprise Fund fund balance by \$622,000.

With the proposed amendment (which adds back in the two police dispatchers) the drawdown in the General fund is reduced to \$69,000, and the Enterprise Fund fund balance is *increased* by \$102,000.

The following items proposed in the amendment:

GENERAL FUND	AS BUDGETED	PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT	
ADMIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$150,000	-\$150,000	Security Cameras at City Hall, Parks, library, and PD
LIBRARY BOOKS	\$10,000	-\$5,000	
STREETS CULVERT & DRAINAGE MAINT	\$25,000	-\$10,000	
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$10,000	-\$5,000	
FIRE CONTINGENCY	\$5,000	-\$5,000	
DEVSVCs CITY CLEAN UP	\$60,000	-\$20,000	
PARKS GENERAL MAINTENANCE	\$50,000	-\$20,000	
PARKS EQUIPMENT REPAIRS & REPLACEMENT	\$22,000	-\$7,000	
PARKS VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$20,000	-\$2,000	

PARKS	CAPITAL POOL IMPROVEMENTS	\$20,000	-\$10,000	Pool House Evaluation
ADMIN	LEGAL FEES	\$55,000	\$10,000	Increase needed
ADMIN	PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$43,000	\$17,000	Increase needed
ADMIN	CITYMANAGER ASSISTANT	\$29,109	-\$29,109	
ADMIN	SALARY-FINANCE/HR/CMAA	\$118,400	\$10,000	Increase needed for FD
PW	2 ADDITIONAL STREET EMPLOYEES	\$108,582	-\$108,582	
PW	PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN ASSIST	\$30,973	-\$30,973	
POLICE	SALARY- SWORN	\$801,000	\$29,000	
POLICE	POLICE ADMIN ASSIST	\$52,128	-\$52,128	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$1,610,192	-\$388,792	

ENTERPRISE FUND

WATER	GENERAL MAINTENANCE	\$148,000	-\$48,000	
WATER	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$240,000	-\$140,000	
WATER	CAPITAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$8,000	-\$7,000	
WATER	CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OUT	\$102,000	-\$102,000	
WATER	SALARY- TREAS/CLERKS	\$245,677	\$10,000	increase needed for FD
WATER	CITYMANAGER ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$23,962	-\$23,962	
WASTE				
WTR	PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN ASSIST	\$12,154	-\$12,154	
	TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	\$779,793	-\$323,116	

Additionally, \$400,000 is proposed to be transferred from the Enterprise Debt Service Reserve fund (which is carrying a much larger balance than necessary), to the Enterprise Fund.

Department Head	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
City Manager	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01-12 (16)

AN ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 BY APPROPRIATING AND SETTING ASIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS; FINDING MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; PLACING ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON SAID FUNDS; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Rockdale, Texas, adopted the City's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget in September of 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 102.010, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to amend the City's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget ("Budget"), and that the budget amendment serves a municipal purpose; and

WHEREAS, after adoption of the Budget, the City Council may, by ordinance/resolution, make certain amendments to the Budget pursuant to Section 8.07 of the City of Rockdale Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8.07 of the City of Rockdale Home Rule Charter, after adoption of the Budget, in order to protect the public health, safety, welfare and resources of the city, budget amendments to fund and meet conditions not anticipated in the original Budget may be authorized, upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the council; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council received the City Manager's proposed Budget Amendments, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein, and conducted a public hearing on the Budget Amendments in compliance with state law and the Rockdale City Charter; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Amendments, including line-item expenditure budgets of all city departments; and, having considered any, and all appropriate amendments; now deem this document to be the appropriate financial plan for the City of Rockdale in the ensuing fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Findings. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance/Resolution by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein;

Section 2. Public Hearing. The City Council has held a public hearing to obtain

comments and recommendations from Rockdale citizens, businesses and other interested persons on the City's Budget Amendment.

Section 3. Budget Amendment Adoption. The Budget Amendment, as shown in words and figures in Exhibit A, is hereby approved by the City Council in all aspects and adopted as an amendment to the City Budget, is found to be in support of the general government of the City of Rockdale, Texas for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 20, 2026.

Section 4. Copy Posted and Sent to Milam County Clerk. A copy of the Budget Amendment shall be placed in the office of the Milam County Clerk as required by Texas Local Government Code Sectio 102.011 and posted on the City's website.

Section 5. Conflict. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Open Meetings. That it is officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Ch. 551, Texas Local Government Code.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance/Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and adoption in accordance with the provisions of applicable state law and the City charter.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of January 2026.

Ward Roddam, Mayor

ATTESTED TO:

Shanna Johnson

EXHIBIT “A”

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Meeting Date: January 12, 2026
Department: Development Services
Prepared By: Ben Blanchard, City Planner
Source of Funds: N/A

Item Number: 17
(City Secretary's Use Only)
Cost / Budget: N/A
Resolution, Wait list policy, Marketing plan, Language access plan
Exhibits:

Subject

Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution to apply for the HOME Program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).

Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of the resolution.

Discussion

The City of Rockdale has previously participated in the HOME program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and is hoping to continue to participate. The program is truly life-changing for citizens of Rockdale as they get a newly built home at no cost to them. The program takes these residents from older, dilapidating homes, to newly built structures that can be passed down the family tree as time passes. With this program, the city has a small match of 5% of hard construction costs which equates to \$8,750.00. The program has seen so many positive reviews and the city wishes to continue to offer this to residents who qualify.

Approved By

Department Head	<i>Signature</i> <i>Ben Blanchard</i>	<i>Date</i> 1/6/26
City Manager	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE HOME PROGRAM HRA/PWD/DISASTER RESERVATION SYSTEM; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TIM KELTY TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE HOME PROGRAM RESERVATION SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the CITY Council of the CITY of ROCKDALE desires to develop a viable community, including decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low/moderate income; and

WHEREAS, certain conditions exist which represent a threat to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interest of the CITY of ROCKDALE to apply for participation in the HOME Program Reservation System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS;

1. That a request to the Home Investment Partnerships Program for participation in the HOME Program Reservation System, (HRA, PWD, Disaster) is authorized to be filed on behalf of the City with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
2. That the CITY directs and designates the CITY MANAGER, TIM KELTY as the CITY'S Chief Executive Officers and Authorized Representatives to act in all matters in connection with this application and the CITY'S participation in the HOME Program (HRA/ PWD/Disaster), including execution of the City's HOME Reservation System Participant Agreement.
3. That it be stated that the CITY of ROCKDALE is committing to matching funds, if applicable, consisting of waived fees, in-kind services, and cash as a contribution toward the activities of this HOME project in the amount required in 10 TAC, Chapter 23, rules at the time a reservation is made and approved in the system. The CITY of ROCKDALE will be obligated to match funds per home based on 5% of hard cost construction approximately \$175,000.00, or the amount of hard cost construction allowed by Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, which is an approximate match of \$8750.00 per home based on hard cost construction of \$175,000.00 per home. The percentage is based off the CITY'S current population base of 5323 reported on the United States census report. The CITY commits to providing in-kind services and Cash or combination of both up to \$8750.00. As part of the city match, the city will Waive all Building and Permit Fees.
4. That is be stated that the City of ROCKDALE is committing \$80,000 in unencumbered cash reserves, per application, to the project/s to facilitate the administration of the program/s during the TDHCA disbursement process. These cash reserves are not to be permanently invested in the HOME project but are to be used for short term deficits that are reimbursed by HOME program funds.

5. That the city discuss and approve THE AFFIRMATIVE FAIR HOUSING MARKETING PLAN, Language Access Plan (LAP) and Waitlist Policy as required for participation with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Home HRA Reservation Program. This Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan and Waitlist Policy shall be amended from time to time.

Passed and approved this 12th day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Ward Roddam, Mayor

Shanna Johnson
City Secretary

City of Rockdale

Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan

I. Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan in accordance with 10TAC 20.9

The City of Rockdale and its representatives shall adopt the affirmative marketing procedures and requirements as specified in accordance with 10TAC 20.9

II. Policy on Nondiscrimination and Accessibility

With respect to the treatment of applicants, the City and its representatives will not discriminate against any individual or family because of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, familial status or presence of children in a household.

III. Training

1. The City of Rockdale and its representatives shall provide staff with all relevant regulations and Fair Housing provisions. All HOME Program staff shall be required to follow the procedures and policies adopted by The City of Rockdale.
2. Training shall include reviewing marketing, outreach, data collection, reporting, and record keeping in order to make sure the Least likely to apply population is being reached effectively. The City of Rockdale staff shall annually receive instruction regarding fair housing laws and the Development's Affirmative Marketing Plan.
3. Appropriate staff will take webinars/fair housing training classes from time to time as deemed necessary per changing of rules/new staff members/new tools implemented.
4. Review HOME applications to insure that the least likely to apply populations are getting the information and revise any advertising/information sources to better reach the intended population.

IV. Marketing and Outreach

1. All advertising shall display the Equal Housing Opportunity logo or the phrase "Equal Housing Opportunity."
2. Special marketing outreach consideration will be given to the following underserved populations per TDHCA Region 8 findings of Least likely to apply populations:
 - a. Persons with Disabilities
 - b. Households with Children

- c. Asian Households

3. Upon changes to the population determined to be least likely to apply, the methods of outreach will be updated to include these populations.

4. Marketing shall include the use of newspapers of general circulation in *The Rockdale Reporter* and the City of Rockdale representatives will place notices in newspapers, specialized publications, and newsletters to reach potential residents. Applications, notices, and all publications will include a Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Logo, and the Accessibility Logo. Community media advertisement of the projects will be through the following newspaper:

Rockdale Daily Press

5. The City of Rockdale and or representatives will contact local civic and community organizations representative of the ethnic and cultural diversity of the area to inform them about the HOME program and how it may be able to assist homeowners in the community. Groups representing the handicapped and the elderly will also be contacted. Where necessary, The City of Rockdale may publish its marketing materials in multiple languages in order to better reach potential applicants in the area with language limitations. The City of Rockdale's Asian population is less than 1 percent, with an average of about 36 people. Due to the small nature of this population, the city does not have a targeted association or organization that is specific to the city. The Rockdale Chamber of Commerce can offer a referral to anyone looking for something specific, even if not within the city limits of Rockdale such as the Hindu Temple located in Temple Tx. The Chamber of commerce can help seek out resources that are not abundant within the city area, but that may reach out to outlining communities and give this information to individuals. In addition to the Chamber of Commerce, The Lucy Hill Patterson Library offers a portal of information by way of computer searches to locate organizations and culturally diversified groups outside the city limits of Rockdale.

To further inform the groups least likely to apply for the available HOME Program housing, the following local organizations will be contacted with HOME Program housing information:

a. Rockdale Chamber of Commerce	Persons with Disabilities, Asian Americans and households with children.
b. VFW/American Legion/Disabled American Veterans 6525 chapter	Persons with Disabilities
c. Lucy Hill Patterson Memorial Library	Persons with Disabilities, Asian

d.

e.

6. Other neighborhood-based, nonprofit housing agencies that maintain waiting lists or make referrals for below market rate housing will be contacted.

Agency Name	Address	Telephone #
a. Rockdale Housing Authority	100 Cordova Drive, Rockdale, TX 76567	512-446-4180

V. Race and Ethnic Data Collection and Reporting

1. Any family who asks shall receive a HOME application package containing all information and documents needed to apply for the HOME Program. The application is also offered in Spanish. The application contains a demographics and special needs page to be completed.
2. The City of Rockdale HOME program Administrator will serve as coordinator for the marketing of The Rockdale HOME Program as well as oversee the application process. Monthly reports to the City Council, which will include the number of applications received for The HOME program, the status of each application and which homes are moving forward and possible will be funded along with construction updates in regards to on-going HOME Program projects.
3. From time to time, after collection of data (the data will be reviewed using submitted HOME applications), the city will review submitted applications and from these determine whether we have been meeting the goals of bringing in the least likely to apply. We will do this by examining previous applications received and whether or not any of them fall under the Least Likely to Apply. After review, a targeted effort will be made by reaching out to the organization listed in our Affirmative Marketing Plan in hopes of gaining some in-site into any new programs that could be implemented to secure more applicants in the Least Likely to Apply population. The City of Rockdale or representatives for the city, will also talk with current applicants and ask them for further referrals from people within their neighborhood or organizations they attend that may reach our Least

Likely to Apply. After collecting information, we will do a summary of our findings and assessments and have a plan on file of the steps that we will take to secure and ensure that our Least Likely to Apply are being approached and steps taken to get information out to them.

VI. Compliance Assessment

1. The City of Rockdale will review the Affirmative Marketing Plan every Three years or as defined and needed per TDHCA requirements and update as needed to ensure compliance.
2. The City of Rockdale will annually assess the success of affirmative marketing actions for The HOME Program. If the demographic data of the applicants and residents vary significantly from the jurisdiction's population data, advertising efforts and outreach will be targeted to underrepresented groups in an attempt to balance the applicants and residents with the demographics of the jurisdiction.

VII. Record Keeping

1. The City of Rockdale shall establish and maintain an Affirmative Marketing file to hold advertisements, flyers, and other public information documents to demonstrate that the appropriate logo and language have been used. Additionally, the City of Rockdale shall keep records of its activities in implementing the affirmative marketing plan, including other community outreach efforts and its annual analysis.
2. The City of Rockdale shall keep up-to-date records based on census data, applications, and surveys about community residents, applicants, residents of the project, and records about application selections.
3. The City of Rockdale shall provide HUD and HOME staff access to any pertinent books, documents, papers or other records of their HOME-assisted properties, as necessary, for determining compliance with civil rights and nondiscrimination requirements.
4. The city will adopt a waitlist for HOME program applications that comply with HOME program rules. Please see Waitlist policy attached.

HOME Program

Tab 10 – Language Access Plan

Grantee: City of Rockdale

Community Population: 5,323

Census Date: C16001

Language	Label	Estimate	Percent
Spanish	Speak English less than "very well"	810	15.9%

Program activities to be accessible to LEP persons.

Public Notices regarding applications for Home Program. Verbal/Oral translation of vital documents on request. Public Notice regarding Home Program application, grievance procedures, complaint procedures, answers to complaints, and program requirements.

Resources available to Grant Recipient.

Translation services: For Spanish language, arrangements will be made by contacting Tim Kelty, City Manager at 512-446-2511.

Interpreter services: Services provided for the Spanish language; arrangements will be made by contacting Tim Kelty, City Manager at 512-446-2511.

Other resources: Vital documents (application materials, loan applications, homeowner consent forms, verification of disability, construction inspection form) will be published in English and Spanish.

Language Assistance to be provided.

Translation (oral and/or written) of advertised notices and vital documents; arrangements will be made by contacting Tim Kelty, City Manager at 512-446-2511.

Referrals to community liaisons proficient in the language of LEP persons, arrangements will be made by contacting Tim Kelty, City Manager at 512-446-2511.

Method of Monitoring and updating the LAP.

The City of Rockdale will review the LAP every Three years or as needed per TDHCA requirements and update as needed to ensure compliance. This shall include but not limited to the updating of the census data and language breakdown.

Staff Training Policy.

1. The City of Rockdale and its representatives shall provide staff with all relevant regulations and Updates to the LAP. All HOME Program staff shall be required to follow the procedures and policies adopted by The City of Rockdale.
2. Training shall include review of the recent census data and updating the language breakdown. The City of Rockdale staff shall annually receive instruction regarding any changes and updates needed to the LAP.

Tim Kelty, City Manager, City of Rockdale

CITY OF ROCKDALE HOME Program Waitlist Policy

The homeowners who apply in the first 30 days after a public announcement will be serviced first. Out of the first application in the 30 day timeline, the applicants that provide all necessary documents/have clear Title/ Income qualified will be considered first.

If one of the first 4 homes does not fall under the 30% median family income, the City will go down the list and the first qualified applicant with under 30% median family income will move forward. This is a specific program requirement that needs to be met.

After the initial 30 day HOME application time period and after these applications have been selected using the neutral random selection process, other HOME applications will be accepted and processed through a neutral random selection process. The City's selection process will be basis in accordance with rules under 10 TAC Subchapter 20.9. as they relate to a waitlist. They will move forward according to all necessary documents submitted/Clear title/Income qualified.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Financial Report
Library report
Municipal Court report
Public Safety report
Animal Control report
Public Works Department report
Planning and Development Report

DECEMBER 2025 Library Report

CIRCULATION:		(BOUNDLESS)			
Books	e-Books/Audiobooks	DVDs	Total		
881	9	38		928	

PATRON VISITS		Computer Users	Reference Request
950		185	97

2025 New Patron and Renewal Accounts:

Month	New	Year Total	Renewal	Renewal Yr Total	Total <i>(Active Card Holders)</i>
December	10	369	41	472	3052

BOUNDLESS - E-Read Texas: *E-Read Texas is a statewide e-book program for small to medium sized public libraries that provides eligible libraries with a collection of approximately 20,000 e-books and audiobooks, accessible through Baker & Taylor at no cost to patrons or the library.*

 Boundless App/Website - Free E-Books/Audiobooks: (**Last Day to Checkout was Dec.1**)
<https://rockdaletx.boundless.baker-taylor.com/ng/view/library>

Month	New Users	2025 Total
December	1	123

LIBRARY NOTES:

- Due to the unexpected closure of Baker & Taylor, access to Boundless ended on December 15, 2025.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) has selected a vendor for this program, and libraries will learn who it is later in January once contracts are finalized. TSLAC is on track for service restoration in early spring.

- Outreach Story Time at Tiger Learning Center first Tuesday of January.
- MARC Center visits the Library bi-monthly for story time and activities.
- Story Time will be on break and resumes on January 28th
- Staff continue Biblionix (*Library Management System*) cleanup project.

December Activities:

- Dec. 5 - First Friday Coffee (*sponsored by CASA*), 9 a.m.
- Dec. 9 – Milam County Genealogical Society Meeting, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 11 - Caregivers Group, 2:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11 – Aspen Healthcare presents Living Wills & DNR informational lecture
- Dec. 12 – Origami with Master Naturalist Joyce Connor
- Dec. 16 – High Tea Celebrating Jane Austen’s 250th Birthday, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 18 – Homeschool Hangout, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 18 - Teens & Tweens, (*Pizza Hut to sponsor pizza for T&T meetings*)

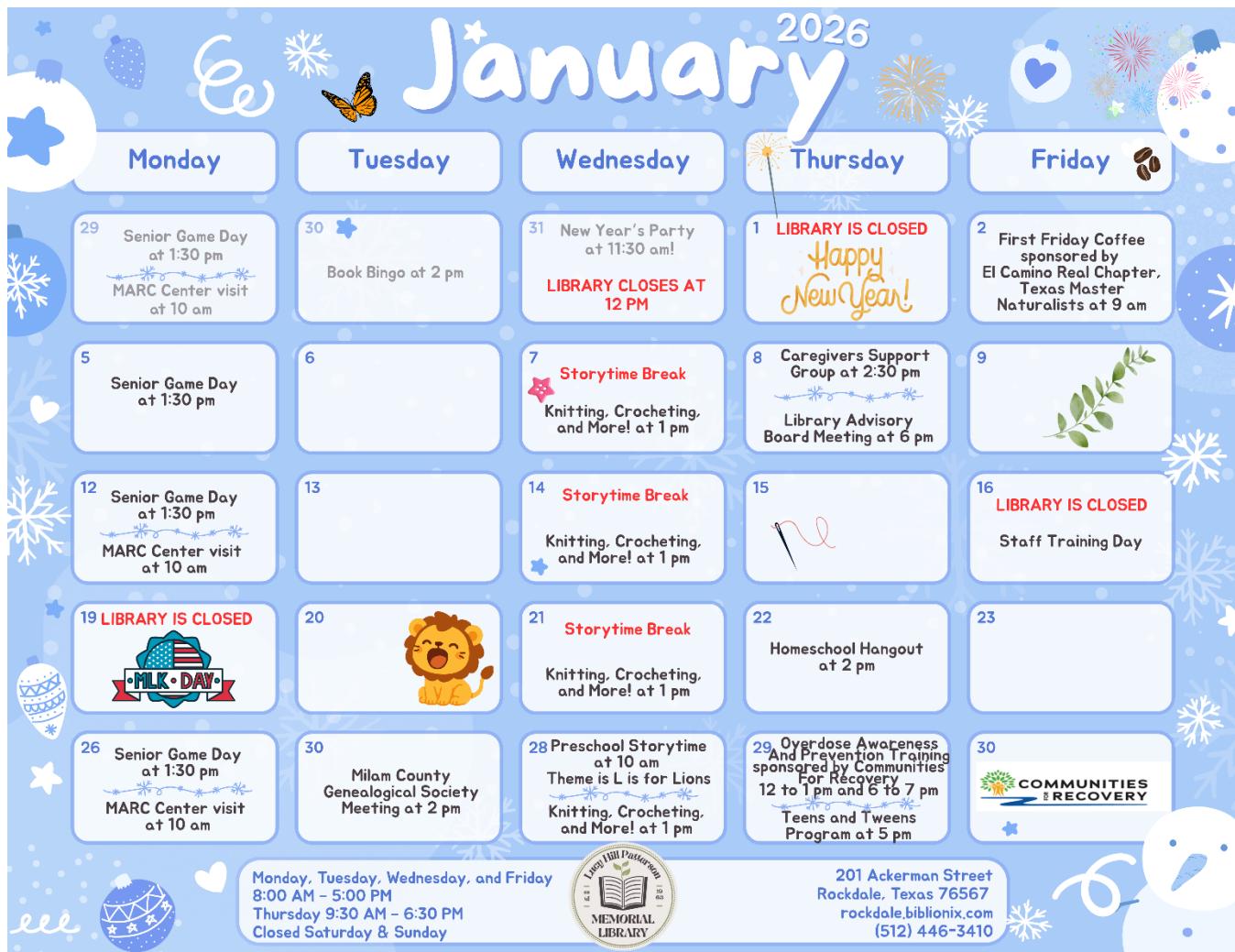
- Dec. 19 - Adult Art, 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19 – Jingle Bell StoryFest, 5-6:30 p.m. (*Hot Chocolate Bar & Goodie Bags sponsored by Aspen Healthcare and Book Giveaway sponsored by Sophibooks*)
- Dec. 26 – Family Coloring Day, All Day
- Dec. 20 – Book Bingo, 2p.m., (*Books sponsored by Sophibooks and other donations*)
- Dec. 31 – Noon Year's Story Time & Party

Recurring Weekly Programs

- Mondays – Senior Game Day: 1:30–4:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays – Preschool Storytime: 10 a.m.
- Wednesdays – Knitting, Crocheting & More: 1–4:30 p.m.

Library continues offering curbside service, browsing, and computer access.

Upcoming JANUARY Events:



Follow us on Social Media
Facebook [@RockdaleLibrary](#)

Facebook Statistics:

Overall Post Reached 31,814 Post Interaction: 1.2K Engagement: 4085 New Likes: 20
Viewers: 4170 Followers: 964

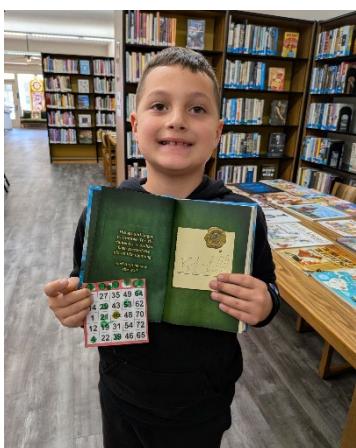
Top Content: BINGO!! Book Bingo is happening in the Library!! Bingo winners get to choose from a variety of great books!! Some are even autographed by the author! Come down to join us for a fun game of Bingo till 4 pm!! See you in the library! **[#BookBingo](#)**. **[#LibraryFun](#)** **[#SeeYouInTheLibrary](#)**

Views: 2596

Reaction: 69

Reached: 1231

Shared: 4



Instagram [@LibraryRockdale](#)

Instagram Statistics: Overall Views: 2100

Interactions: 122

Followers: 199

Top Content: More High Tea at the Library honoring Jane Austin's 250th Birthday!
Congratulations to the drawing prize winners! Everyone looked amazing! Thank you to our amazing library volunteers for your dedication to the library! Jane Austen Books are available at the Library! **[#HighTeaAtTheLibrary](#)** **[#JaneAustens250thBirthday](#)** **[#seeyouatthelibrary](#)**

110 Interactions

Interactions: 9

Reached: 38

1 Share



Library Fun

First Friday Coffee: CASA of Milam County



Preschool Storytime Fun (*Preschoolers enjoy listening to great stories, songs, sign-language, dancing, STEM activities, and crafts that assist with fine motor skill development or introducing new textures.*)



Special Guests: Rockdale Dental

Learning 2 x 2 x 2

Brushing (painting) the Sugar Bugs Away



Songs & Dancing

STEM – Making SNOW

Holiday Story Time

Storytimers get FREE Books !



Hangout
Make Gingerbread
Houses-----



Endanger Animal Origami with Joyce Conner, Master Naturalist



High Tea Celebrating Jane Austen's 250th Birthday



High Tea consisted of learning about Jane Austen, readings from her book "Pride and Prejudice," Trivia, and Book Drawing Giveaways.

Teen & Tween Club – Enjoyed making Slime and discussed their writing projects



Jingle Bell StoryFest with Santa – Hot Chocolate Bar and goodie bags from Santa were sponsored by Aspen HealthCare, book gifts were sponsored by Sophibooks.



Book Bingo



Noon Years Story Time Party

OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION
TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Official Municipal Court Monthly Report

Month December Year 2025

Municipal Court for the City of ROCKDALE

Presiding Judge HERBERT VAUGHAN

If new, date assumed office _____

Court Mailing Address 505 W. CAMERON AVENUE

City ROCKDALE, TX Zip 76567

Phone Number 512-446-0812

Fax Number 512-446-6258

Court's Public Email municipalcourt@rockdaletx.gov

Court's Website <http://https://www.rockdaletx.gov/337/Muni>

THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE RECORDS OF THIS COURT.

Prepared by _____

Date _____ Phone: (512) 446-0812

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN 20 DAYS FOLLOWING THE END OF THE MONTH REPORTED TO:

OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION
P.O. BOX 12066
AUSTIN, TX
78711-2066

PHONE: (512) 463-1625
Fax: (512) 936-2423

CRIMINAL SECTION

COURT ROCKDALE MUNICIPAL COURT
 MONTH December YEAR 2025

1. Total Cases Pending First of Month:

	TRAFFIC			NON-TRAFFIC		
	NON-PARKING	PARKING	CITY ORD	PENAL CODE	STATE LAW	CITY ORD
1. Total Cases Pending First of Month:	3,718	4	0	162	913	1,287

a. Active Cases

a. Active Cases	2,871	4	0	131	617	1,280
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b. Inactive Cases

b. Inactive Cases	847	0	0	31	296	7
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2. New Cases Filed

2. New Cases Filed	96	0	0	5	3	22
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3. Cases Reactivated

3. Cases Reactivated	15	0	0	0	3	0
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4. All Other Cases Added

4. All Other Cases Added	0	0	0	0	0	0
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5. Total Cases on Docket

5. Total Cases on Docket	2,982	4	0	136	623	1,302
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6. Dispositions Prior to Court Appearance or Trial:

6. Dispositions Prior to Court Appearance or Trial:	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
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a. Uncontested Dispositions

a. Uncontested Dispositions	36	0	0	1	4	3
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b. Dismissed by Prosecution

b. Dismissed by Prosecution	4	0	0	1	1	3
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7. Dispositions at Trial:

7. Dispositions at Trial:	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
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a. Convictions:

a. Convictions:	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
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1) Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere

1) Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere	1	0	0	0	0	2
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2) By the Court

2) By the Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
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3) By the Jury

3) By the Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0
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b. Acquittals:

b. Acquittals:	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
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1) By the Court

1) By the Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
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2) By the Jury

2) By the Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0
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c. Dismissed by Prosecution

c. Dismissed by Prosecution	0	0	0	0	0	0
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CRIMINAL SECTION

COURT ROCKDALE MUNICIPAL COURT
MONTH December YEAR 2025

8. Compliance Dismissals:

a. After Driver Safety Course

		TRAFFIC		NON-TRAFFIC			
		NON-PARKING	PARKING	CITY ORD	PENAL CODE	STATE LAW	CITY ORD

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6	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
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b. After Deferred Disposition

11	0	0	2	0	0	0
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c. After Teen Court

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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d. After Tobacco Awareness Course

XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXXXXX
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e. After Treatment for Chemical Dependency

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XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
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f. After Proof of Financial Responsibility

0	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
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0	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
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g. All Other Transportation Code Dismissals

4	0	0	0	0	0	0
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9. All Other Dispositions

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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10. Total Cases Disposed

62	0	0	4	5	8
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11. Cases Placed on Inactive Status

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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12. Total Cases Pending End of Month:

3,752	4	0	163	911	1,301
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2,920	4	0	132	618	1,294
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832	0	0	31	293	7
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13. Show Cause Hearings Held

57	0	0	2	5	0
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14. CasesAppealed:

XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
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XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
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a. After Trial

0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	0	0	0	0	0
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b. Without Trial

CIVIL SECTION

COURT ROCKDALE MUNICIPAL COURT
MONTH December YEAR 2025

	TOTAL CASES
1. Total Cases Pending First of Month:	0
a. Active Cases	0
b. Inactive Cases	0
2. New Cases Filed	0
3. Cases Reactivated	0
4. All Other Cases Added	0
5. Total Cases on Docket	0
6. Uncontested Civil Fines or Penalties	0
7. Default Judgments	0
8. Agreed Judgments	0
9. Trial/Hearing by Judge/Hearing Officer	0
10. Trial by Jury	0
11. Dismissed for Want of Prosecution	0
12. All Other Dispositions	0
13. Total Cases Disposed	0
14. Cases Placed on Inactive Status	0
15. Total Cases Pending End of Month:	0
a. Active Cases	0
b. Inactive Cases	0
16. CasesAppealed:	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
a. After Trial	0
b. Without Trial	0

JUVENILE/MINOR ACTIVITY

COURT ROCKDALE MUNICIPAL COURT
MONTH December YEAR 2025

	TOTAL
1. Transportation Code Cases Filed	0
2. Non-driving Alcoholic Beverage Code Cases Filed	0
3. Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Cases Filed	0
4. Drug Paraphernalia Cases Filed	0
5. Tobacco Cases Filed	0
6. Truancy Cases Filed	0
7. Education Code (Except Failure to Attend) Cases Filed	0
8. Violation of Local Daytime Curfew Ordinance Cases Filed	0
9. All Other Non-traffic Fine-only Cases Filed	0
10. Transfer to Juvenile Court:	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
a. Mandatory Transfer	0
b. Discretionary Transfer	0
11. Accused of Contempt and Referred to Juvenile Court (Delinquent Conduct)	0
12. Held in Contempt by Criminal Court (Fined and/or Denied Driving Privileges)	0
13. Juvenile Statement Magistrate Warning:	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
a. Warnings Administered	0
b. Statements Certified	0
14. Detention Hearings Held	0
15. Orders for Non-secure Custody Issued	0
16. Parent Contributing to Nonattendance Cases Filed	0

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY

COURT ROCKDALE MUNICIPAL COURT
MONTH December YEAR 2025

1. Magistrate Warnings:

a. Class C Misdemeanors

b. Class A and B Misdemeanors

c. Felonies

	NUMBER GIVEN	NUMBER REQUESTS FOR COUNSEL
	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	15	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	9	9
	8	8

XX | TOTAL |

2. Arrest Warrants Issued:

a. Class C Misdemeanors

b. Class A and B Misdemeanors

c. Felonies

	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	0
	1
	2

3. Capiases Pro Fine Issued

4. Search Warrants Issued

5. Warrants for Fire, Health and Code Inspections Filed

6. Examining Trials Conducted

7. Emergency Mental Health Hearings Held

8. Magistrate's Order for Emergency Protection Issued

9. Magistrate's Orders for Ignition Interlock Device Issued

10. All Other Magistrate's Orders Issued Requiring Conditions for Release on Bond

11. Drivers's License Denial, Revocation or Suspension Hearings Held

12. Disposition of Stolen Property Hearings Held

13. Peace Bond Hearings Held

	0
	0
	0
	0

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY

XX		TOTAL	XXXX
14. Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Satisfied by Community Service:		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
a. Partial Satisfaction		0	
b. Full Satisfaction		1	
15. Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Satisfied by Jail Credit		11	
16. Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Waived for Indigency		1	
17. Amount of Fines and Court Costs Waived for Indigency		\$423.80	
18. Fines, Court Costs and Other Amounts Collected:		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
a. Kept by City		\$10,172.71	
b. Remitted to State		\$5,675.29	
c. Total		\$15,848.00	

Run By: pphillips
Report Type: Summary
Date Range: 12/01/2025 - 12/31/2025
Finalize Report: Yes
Correction: No

*** END OF REPORT ***

Beginning Filed Date.....: 01/01/2000
Ending Filed Date.....: 12/31/2025

With Warrant Issued.....: Ignore
Report Order.....: Name
Type of Offense.....: All
Only With Conviction Date.....: No
Totals Only.....: Yes
Print Status/Date.....: Yes
Offenses.....: All
Print Address.....: No

Grand Totals

CCC04 CONSOLIDATED COURT FEES	19,043.00
STF STATE TRAFFIC FEE	8,346.00
TFC TFC	2,364.00
AR ARREST FEE	7,639.09
TECH TECHNOLOGY FEE	1,952.00
MCSB COURT SECURITY BUILDING FEE	1,464.00
SJRF STATE JURY FEE	1,660.00
JFCT2 JUDICIAL FEE - COUNTY	2,245.40
JFCI JUDICIAL FEE - CITY	249.60
IDF INDIGENT DEFENSE FEE	834.00
TP-S TIME PAYMENT PLAN - STATE	1,437.50
TP-L-R TIME PAYMENT - LOCAL - RESTR	294.20
TP-L-C TIME PAYMENT - LOCAL - CITY	1,212.10
WRNTFE WARRANT FEE	80,469.75
TLFTA1 OMNII FEE 1	5,160.09
TLFTA2 OMNII FEE 2	4,836.00
TLFTA3 OMNII FEE 3	3,224.00
COLAGY COLLECTION AGENCY FEE	131,771.23
FINE FINE	385,369.01
TPF TRUANCY PREVENTION FUND	898.00
CCC20 CCC 2020	85,671.80
LMCBSF LOCAL BUILDING SECURITY FUND	6,922.70
LTPDF LOCAL TRUANCY PREVENTION FUND	7,067.90
LMCTF LOCAL COURT TECHNOLOGY FUND	5,657.80
LMJF LOCAL MUNICIPAL JURY FUND	141.60
DEF DEFERRED FEE	14,832.00
TPRF TIME PAYMENT REIMBURSEMENT FEE	3,551.00
STF19 STATE TRAFFIC FEE	24,710.00
CS2 CHILD SAFETY FUND	1,850.00
CJFS CIVIL JUSTIVE FEE STATE	11.79
CJFC CIVIL JUSTICE FEE COURT	1.33
DSC DSC ADMIN FEE (1)	160.00
CS SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD PROGRAM	20.00
MISC MISC COURT EXPENSE	6.00

Total Pending Payments	154.00
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Total # Cit:	1764	Total amount due:	810,918.89
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Total # Vl:	2119
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*** END OF REPORT ***

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT - FILED CASES

ROCKDALE MUNICIPAL COURT

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FILEDST

Violations by Filed Date...

POLICE DEPARTMENT	105
CODE ENFORCEMENT	21
MUNICIPAL COURT	0
ANIMAL CONTROL	0
SCHOOL DISTRICT	0
Total Filed Violations	126

Completed Cases...

Paid Fine...

POLICE DEPARTMENT	40
CODE ENFORCEMENT	0
MUNICIPAL COURT	6
ANIMAL CONTROL	1
SCHOOL DISTRICT	0
Total Paid Fines	47

Before Judge...

POLICE DEPARTMENT	3
CODE ENFORCEMENT	0
MUNICIPAL COURT	0
ANIMAL CONTROL	0
SCHOOL DISTRICT	0
Total Before Judge	3

Total Completed	50
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Other Completed...

DISMISSED DSC SECTION 2

POLICE DEPARTMENT	7
CODE ENFORCEMENT	0
MUNICIPAL COURT	0
ANIMAL CONTROL	0
SCHOOL DISTRICT	0
Total	7

DISMISSED AFTER DEFERRED DISP.

POLICE DEPARTMENT	12
CODE ENFORCEMENT	0
MUNICIPAL COURT	0
ANIMAL CONTROL	0
SCHOOL DISTRICT	0
Total	12

DISMISSED DL, Insp, or Reg.

POLICE DEPARTMENT	4
CODE ENFORCEMENT	0

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT - FILED CASES

ROCKDALE MUNICIPAL COURT

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FILEDST

MUNICIPAL COURT	0
ANIMAL CONTROL	0
SCHOOL DISTRICT	0
Total	4

DISMISSED BY PROSECUTOR

POLICE DEPARTMENT	4
CODE ENFORCEMENT	3
MUNICIPAL COURT	0
ANIMAL CONTROL	0
SCHOOL DISTRICT	0
Total	7

Waived Jurisdiction - Juvenile

POLICE DEPARTMENT	0
CODE ENFORCEMENT	0
MUNICIPAL COURT	0
ANIMAL CONTROL	0
SCHOOL DISTRICT	1
Total	1

DISMISSED/FOUND NOT GUILTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT	0
CODE ENFORCEMENT	0
MUNICIPAL COURT	4
ANIMAL CONTROL	0
SCHOOL DISTRICT	0
Total	4

YOUTH DIVERSION COMPLETED

POLICE DEPARTMENT	1
CODE ENFORCEMENT	0
MUNICIPAL COURT	0
ANIMAL CONTROL	0
SCHOOL DISTRICT	0
Total	1

Total Other Completed	36
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Grand Total Completed	86
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Net Difference Filed/Complete	40
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Warrants...

Issued...

POLICE DEPARTMENT	0
CODE ENFORCEMENT	0
MUNICIPAL COURT	0
ANIMAL CONTROL	0
SCHOOL DISTRICT	0
Total Violations	0
Total Warrants Issued	0

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT - FILED CASES

ROCKDALE MUNICIPAL COURT

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Cleared...

POLICE DEPARTMENT	26
CODE ENFORCEMENT	0
MUNICIPAL COURT	10
ANIMAL CONTROL	0
SCHOOL DISTRICT	0
Total Violations	36
Total Warrants Cleared	36
Change in Total Warrants	36-

CCC20 CCC 2020	\$3,872.00
LMCBSF LOCAL BUILDING SECURITY FUND	\$299.90
LTPDF LOCAL TRUANCY PREVENTION FUND	\$305.00
LMCTF LOCAL COURT TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$244.00
LMJF LOCAL MUNICIPAL JURY FUND	\$6.10
TPRF TIME PAYMENT REIMBURSEMENT FEE	\$120.00
FINE FINE	\$5,524.90
STF19 STATE TRAFFIC FEE	\$1,612.00
DEF DEFERRED FEE	\$2,189.00
TFC TFC	\$105.00
AR ARREST FEE	\$279.00
CS2 CHILD SAFETY FUND	\$200.00
CCC04 CONSOLIDATED COURT FEES	\$120.00
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MCSB COURT SECURITY BUILDING FEE	\$9.00
SJRF STATE JURY FEE	\$12.00
JFCT2 JUDICIAL FEE - COUNTY	\$16.20
JFCI JUDICIAL FEE - CITY	\$1.80
IDF INDIGENT DEFENSE FEE	\$6.00
CJFS CIVIL JUSTICE FEE STATE	\$0.09
CJFC CIVIL JUSTICE FEE COURT	\$0.01
TPF TRUANCY PREVENTION FUND	\$6.00
WRNTFE WARRANT FEE	\$598.00
TLFTA2 OMNII FEE 2	\$84.00
TLFTA3 OMNII FEE 3	\$56.00
COLAGY COLLECTION AGENCY FEE	\$615.90
DSC DSC ADMIN FEE (1)	\$60.00
AF2 \$20 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	\$80.00
STF STATE TRAFFIC FEE	\$30.00
Total Fees/Fines Paid	\$16,463.90



**CITY OF ROCKDALE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**
312 E Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, TX 76567



Jerry E. Meadors
Chief of Police

Stephen Goodrich
Command Captain

MEMORANDUM

To: Tim Kelty, City Manager
From: Chief Jerry Meadors *fm*
Date: January 5, 2026
Subject: Public Safety Report For the month of December

Total police department calls for service: 1694

Total fire department calls for service: 64

Total EMS calls for service: 154

Total 911 calls: 381

Total citations written: 85

Total cases issued: 99

Total arrest: 22

Total warnings: 227

Citation by Month

2024

November 73

December 66

2025

January 71

February 65

March 41

April 72

May 78

June 53

July 48

August 51

September 68

October 116

November 60

December 85

***** TOTALS BY JOB CODE *****

JOB CODE	TOTAL COMPLETED	TOTAL OUTSTANDING	TOTAL NEW	TOTAL PENDING	TOTAL \
ON - TURN ON SERVICE	25	0	0	0	
CO - CHANGE OCC. LEAVE ON	5	0	0	0	
OFFTR - TURN OFF TRANSFER	5	0	0	0	
OFF - TURN OFF SERVICE	20	0	0	0	
MISCW - MISC - WATER/WW	7	0	0	0	
CHIP - BRUSH CHIPPING	2	0	0	0	
LEAK - LEAK CHECK/REPAIR	9	0	0	0	
PCO - POLICE CALL OUT	1	0	0	0	
SEWER - SEWER BACKUP	10	0	0	0	
MT - VEHICLE/EQUIP REPAIR	4	0	0	0	
MISC - MISC - STREETS/PARKS	3	0	0	0	
MB - MAIN BREAK/REPAIR	1	0	0	0	
PH - POTHOLE REPAIR	3	0	0	0	
UTPAT - UTILITY PATCH	1	0	0	0	
SWAP - METER SWAP-OUT	1	0	0	0	
TOTAL ALL CODES	97	0	0	0	

Reads 2344

Rereads 84

OCCP. 15

Line Locates 77

TEXAS

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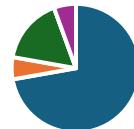
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Development Services Report – December

Permits:

- Building: 13
- Demolition: 1
- Electrical: 3
- Mechanical/HVAC: 0
- Plumbing: 1

Permits - 2025

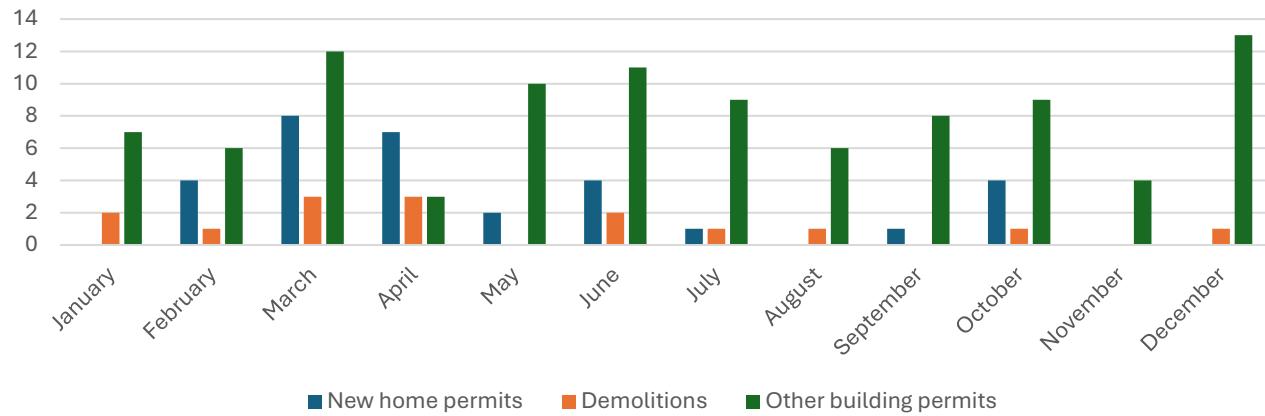


- Building
- Demolition
- Electrical
- Mechanical/HVAC
- Plumbing

New Homes:

- No new homes
- \$3,696,016.00 in other building permit improvements.

Building permits - 2025



December summary:

The Development Services Department has issued a total of eighteen permits for the month of December. To break down those numbers, thirteen were building permits, one was a demolition permit, three were electrical permits, and one was a plumbing permit. An estimate of \$3,500,000.00 was invested in a church addition while the remaining \$196,016.00 was invested in smaller building projects such as remodels, roofing, fencing, window replacements, and more.

Building Permits and Inspections

Monthly Report

Month of Dec-25

Housing Inspections:

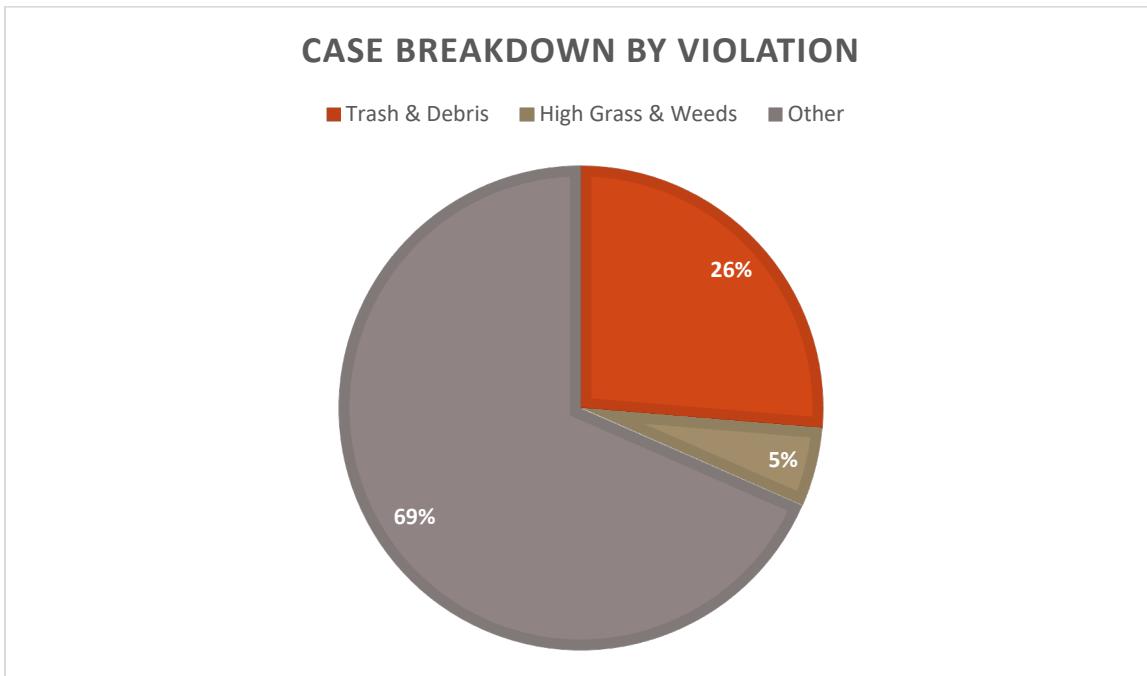
Plumbing Code	<u>5</u>	Approved	<u>0</u>	Failed
Mechanical Code	<u>5</u>	Approved	<u>0</u>	Failed
Building Code	<u>13</u>	Approved	<u>0</u>	Failed
Demolition	<u>0</u>	Approved	<u>0</u>	Failed
Electrical	<u>11</u>	Approved	<u>4</u>	Failed

Permits Issued:

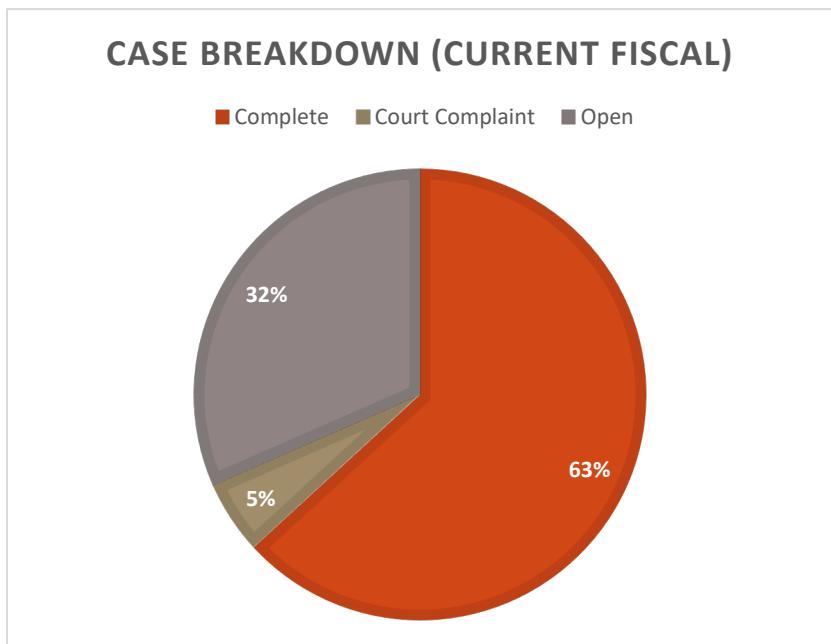
	This Month	Year-to-Date
Plumbing	<u>1</u>	<u>67</u>
Mechanical	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
Building	<u>13</u>	<u>134</u>
Demolition	<u>1</u>	<u>15</u>
Electrical	<u>3</u>	<u>47</u> <u>269</u>

Case Breakdown by violation (current fiscal year):

- Trash & Debris: 5
- High Grass & Weeds: 1
- Other: 13

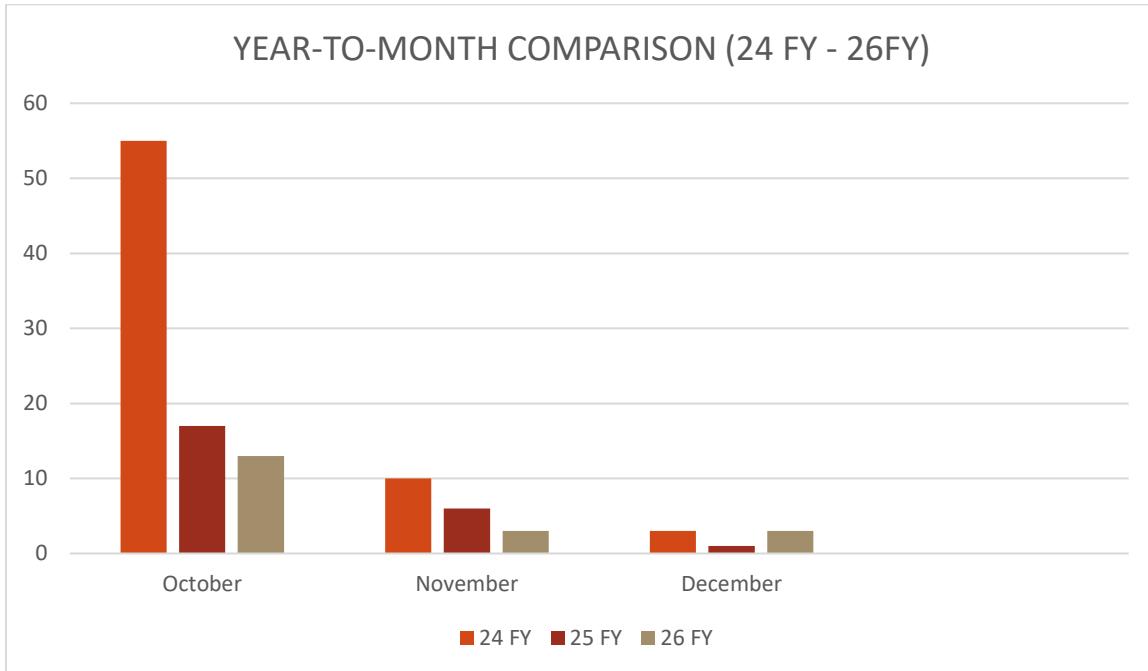
Case breakdown 2026 fiscal:

- Completed: 12
- Court Complaint: 1
- Open: 6



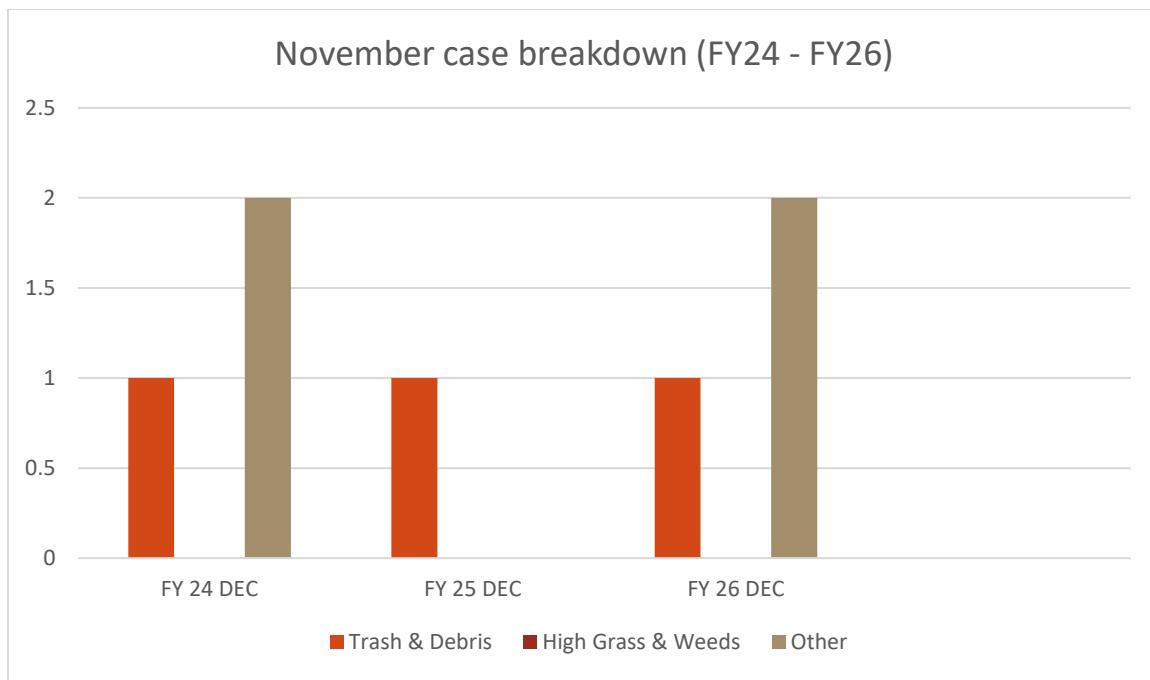
Year-to-month comparison (2024-2026) cases:

- December 2023: 3
- December 2024: 1
- December 2025: 3



Case breakdown by violation - December (2024-2026) – *Chart on next page*

- December 2023
 - Trash & Debris: 1
 - High Grass & Weeds: 0
 - Other: 2
- December 2024
 - Trash & Debris: 1
 - High Grass & Weeds: 0
 - Other: 0
- December 2025
 - Trash & Debris: 1
 - High Grass & Weeds: 0
 - Other: 2



Court complaints:

- 213 Ford – Unauthorized land use (2024)
- 1912 Redbud – High grass & weeds & Trash & Debris (2025)

Substandard List - December 2025										
YR-#	Address	Contact 1			Contact 2			Contact 3		
		Type	Date	Made	Type	Date	Made	Type	Date	Made
23-1	Sanford 315	Phone	13-Apr	Yes	Meeting	21-Apr	Yes			
24-3	Texas 710	Letter	25-Jul	Yes						
25-1	Houston 412	Letter	10-Oct	Yes						
25-4	Green 769	Letter	26-Sep	Yes						
25-5	5th E 410	Letter	26-Sep	Yes						
25-6	College 513	Letter	26-Sep	Yes						
26-1	3rd E 416	Phone	28-Oct	Yes	Letter	30-Oct	Yes			

Legend
Action/Plan in Place - 1