

**ORDINANCE 2025-08-18 (4)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS, ADOPTING A TAX RATE AND LEVYING PROPERTY TAXES FOR TAX YEAR 2025; ENACTING PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT AND PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Milam County Appraisal Review Board has examined and equalized and approved the appraisal roll for tax year 2025 for the City of Rockdale; and

**WHEREAS**, the total appraised value of all property taxable by the City of Rockdale for tax year 2025 is \$373,136,181; and

**WHEREAS**, after publication of notice as required by law, the City Council held a public hearing on the proposed tax rate on August 11, 2025, and complied with the requirements of sections 26.06 and 26.065 of the Texas Tax Code; and

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon the City Council to set the tax rate for tax year 2025 in the amount found necessary to meet the City's fiscal requirements;

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

**SECTION 1: INCORPORATION OF PREMISES.** That the City Council finds the recitals in this ordinance to be true.

**SECTION 2: TAX RATE ADOPTED.** That the total tax rate of \$0.850000 is hereby adopted and shall be and is hereby levied on each one hundred dollars' (\$100.00) appraised value of taxable property located in the City of Rockdale, Texas and appearing on the City's tax roll for tax year 2025; that \$0.689943 of the tax rate is specifically levied for maintenance and operation of the City and \$0.160057 of the tax rate is specifically levied for debt service.

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

**THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 15.9 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$89.00.**

**SECTION 3: ASSESSOR NOTICE.** That the tax assessor shall immediately proceed to collect the taxes levied by this ordinance and shall give notice of the tax due by depositing a notice of the amount of the taxes due in the United States mail, properly addressed to each property owner listed on the appraisal roll. Demand for such taxes shall

be made in the manner prescribed by law and such taxes must be paid before Feb. 1, 2025, or become delinquent.

**SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY.** If any provision, section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of the same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Rockdale in adopting, and of the Mayor in approving this Ordinance, that no portion thereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any portion, provision or regulation.

**SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its adoption and publication as required by law. Introduced and read at the City Council meeting on August. 18, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 18th day of August, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Ward Roddam YEA NAY ABSTAIN ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Lin Perry YEA NAY ABSTAIN ABSENT

Council Member Dave Melton YEA NAY ABSTAIN ABSENT  
East Ward

Council Member Esmeralda Ruelas-Olivares YEA NAY ABSTAIN ABSENT  
East Ward

Council Member Scott Starnes YEA NAY ABSTAIN ABSENT  
East Ward

Council Member Brad Caffey YEA NAY ABSTAIN ABSENT  
West Ward

Council Member Daniel Willie YEA NAY ABSTAIN ABSENT  
West Ward

Approved:

  
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Mayor Ward Roddam

Attest:

  
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Shanna Johnson, City Secretary