



**ENNIS CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026
5:00 PM**

CITY OF ENNIS CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
107 N. SHERMAN
ENNIS, TEXAS 75119
(972) 875-1234

As authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 - this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purposes of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any item on the agenda at any time during the meeting.

The City of Ennis reserves the right to re-align, recess, or reconvene the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

As authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.007 - the governing body shall allow any member of the public who wishes to speak on an agenda item at an open meeting to address the body regarding that item before or during the consideration of the item.

CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE NOW LIVESTREAMED AT:

www.ennistx.gov/citycommissionlivestream

A. CALL TO ORDER

- Roll Call
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- B.1. Discuss and consider a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, proposing a property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2027; declaring the date, time, and place of the public hearing and adoption of the property tax rate; directing the publication of notice as required by law; and providing an effective date.

[Proposed Property Tax Rate & Declaring PH Date](#)

C. ADJOURNMENT

Regarding item B.1., the City provides the following information in compliance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.043(c): (i) a copy of the City's proposed budget may be located on the City's home page of its website and at <https://www.ennistx.gov/media/Finance/FY%202026%20Adopted%20Budget%20Final.pdf> and (ii) Taxpayer Impact Statement – For the median-valued homestead property a comparison of the current property tax bill in dollars pertaining to the property for the current fiscal year ("FY"), an estimate if the proposed budget is adopted for the upcoming FY, and an estimate of a balanced budget at the no-new-revenue tax rate for the upcoming FY is below:

Median-Valued Homestead Property of:	Property Tax Bill in Dollars
\$ <u>258,491</u> for FY2025	\$ <u>1,716.38</u>
Estimate if proposed budget is adopted for FY2026	\$ <u>1,759.57</u>
Estimate if budget is funded and adopted at the no-new-revenue rate for FY2026	\$ <u>1,651.41</u>

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Ennis City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website at www.ennistx.gov and said Notice was posted prior to the following date and time: **Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.**, and will remain posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.



Bethany Prewitt, TRMC
City Secretary

City of Ennis City Commission meetings are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance, please contact the City Secretary at (972) 875-1234 or write to: PO Box 220, Ennis, TX 75120, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

ENNIS CITY COMMISSION AGENDA SUMMARY FORM



To: City Commission

Subject: Discuss and consider a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, proposing a property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2027; declaring the date, time, and place of the public hearing and adoption of the property tax rate; directing the publication of notice as required by law; and providing an effective date.

Meeting: ENNIS CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING - 12 Aug 2026

Department: Finance

Staff Contact: Stanley Muli, Finance Director

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of Ennis has developed a Proposed FY 2027 Budget and must adopt a Property Tax Rate to support expenditures in the Proposed Budget. This Resolution proposes a Property Tax Rate of \$0.668238 per \$100 valuation. It also sets a Public Hearing date for September 8, 2026. Following the Public Hearing the City Commission will vote to adopt the Proposed Rate.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

[RESOLUTION NO.-Proposed Property Tax Rate & Declaring PH Date - Pdf](#)
[Notice of Meeting to Vote on Tax Rate](#)



RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, PROPOSING A PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; DECLARING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE PROPERTY TAX RATE; DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, is required each year to propose and adopt a property tax rate to provide revenue for municipal operations and the annual budget in accordance with applicable state law and the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, before adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 property tax rate, the City Commission desires to propose the tax rate and schedule a public hearing to receive comments from interested persons; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that notice of the proposed tax rate and the public hearing should be published in the City's official newspaper as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TX:

SECTION 1: The City Commission hereby proposes a Fiscal Year 2027 property tax rate of \$0.668238 per \$100 of taxable valuation.

SECTION 2: A public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 property tax rate shall be held on September 8, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., at Ennis City Hall, 107 N. Sherman Street, Ennis, Texas, at a meeting of the City Commission. Following the public hearing, the City Commission may consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 property tax rate.

SECTION 3: The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of the proposed property tax rate and the public hearing in the City's official newspaper in the manner and within the time prescribed by applicable law.

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas on this 12th day of August, 2026.

B.1.

LYNDA ISBELL, Mayor

ATTEST:

BETHANY PREWITT, City Secretary

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.668238 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Ennis City.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.668238 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.669182 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.668238 per \$100

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

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

The proposed tax rate is lower than the no-new revenue tax rate. This means that Ennis City is proposing to lower property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm at 107 N Sherman St, Ennis, TX 75119.

The proposed tax rate is equal to the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Ennis City is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Commission of the City of Ennis at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

- FOR the proposal:
- AGAINST the proposal:

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

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

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Ennis City last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Ennis City this year.

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per	\$0.680708	\$0.668238	decrease of 0.01247 per

\$100 of value)			\$100
Average homestead taxable value	\$257,009	\$227,685	decrease of 11.41%
Tax on average homestead	\$1,749.48	\$1,521.48	decrease of \$228.00, or +13.03%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$20,371,940	\$19,246,474	decrease of \$ 1,125,465.94, or 5.5%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Ennis City at 9728751234 or smuli@ennistx.gov, or visit www.ennistx.gov for more information.