



City of Austin
**2025-26
BUDGET**



Art in Public Places: La Mujer by J Muzacz/Caminos Internship Program, 2022

Tax-Rate Election Discussion

Audit & Finance Committee | July 30, 2025



FY 2026 Major Rate and Fees

Projected Combined Increase of 4.0% for Typical Rate- and Taxpayer

| | FY25 Monthly Rate | FY26 Proposed Rate | \$ Increase | % Increase | Typical rate- and taxpayer defined as: |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|---|
| Austin Energy | \$121.96 | \$117.07 | (\$4.89) | (4.0%) | <i>Residential customer usage of 860 Kwh</i> |
| Austin Water | \$91.20 | \$99.91 | \$8.71 | 9.6% | <i>Residential customer usage of 5,800 gallons of water and 4,000 gallons of wastewater</i> |
| Austin Resource Recovery | \$33.40 | \$36.30 | \$2.90 | 8.7% | <i>Residential customer with a 64-gallon cart</i> |
| Clean Community Fee | \$10.15 | \$10.25 | \$0.10 | 1.0% | <i>Per residential unit</i> |
| Transportation User Fee | \$19.74 | \$21.70 | \$1.96 | 9.9% | <i>Per single-family home</i> |
| Drainage Utility Fee | \$13.38 | \$14.05 | \$0.67 | 5.0% | <i>Residential customer with 3,100 sq. ft./37% of impervious cover</i> |
| Property Tax Bill | \$164.13 | \$172.81 | \$8.68 | 5.3% | <i>Median non-senior homestead with an FY26 assessed value of \$494,803, net of 20% exemption</i> |
| Total | \$453.96 | \$472.09 | \$18.13 | 4.0% | |

TRE Tax Rate & Revenue Impacts



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| Scenario | Total Property Tax Rate | % Above No-New-Revenue Maintenance & Operations Rate | Increase in General Fund Property Tax Revenue (millions) | % Increase in General Fund Property Tax Revenue |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| Voter-Approval Rate | 0.52388 | 3.5% | - | - |
| 1 penny | 0.53388 | 6.0% | \$21.9 | 3.1% |
| 2 pennies | 0.54388 | 8.5% | \$43.8 | 6.2% |
| 3 pennies | 0.55388 | 11.1% | \$65.7 | 9.2% |
| 4 pennies | 0.56388 | 13.6% | \$87.6 | 12.3% |
| 5 pennies | 0.57388 | 16.1% | \$109.5 | 15.4% |
| 6 pennies | 0.58388 | 18.6% | \$131.4 | 18.5% |
| 7 pennies | 0.59388 | 21.2% | \$153.3 | 21.5% |
| 8 pennies | 0.60388 | 23.7% | \$175.2 | 24.6% |



TRE Taxpayer Impacts

| Scenario | FY26 Property Tax Bill for Typical Homeowner | Incremental Tax Bill Increase vs. FY26 Base Budget | | | Total Tax Bill Increase vs. Prior-Year | | |
|---------------------|--|--|---------|------------|--|---------|------------|
| | | Annual | Monthly | Percentage | Annual | Monthly | Percentage |
| Voter-Approval Rate | \$2,073.74 | | | | \$104.22 | \$8.68 | 5.3% |
| 1 penny | \$2,113.32 | \$39.58 | \$3.30 | 1.9% | \$143.80 | \$11.98 | 7.3% |
| 2 pennies | \$2,152.91 | \$79.17 | \$6.60 | 3.8% | \$183.39 | \$15.28 | 9.3% |
| 3 pennies | \$2,192.49 | \$118.75 | \$9.90 | 5.7% | \$222.97 | \$18.58 | 11.3% |
| 4 pennies | \$2,232.08 | \$158.34 | \$13.19 | 7.6% | \$262.56 | \$21.88 | 13.3% |
| 5 pennies | \$2,271.66 | \$197.92 | \$16.49 | 9.5% | \$302.14 | \$25.18 | 15.3% |
| 6 pennies | \$2,311.24 | \$237.51 | \$19.79 | 11.5% | \$341.72 | \$28.48 | 17.4% |
| 7 pennies | \$2,350.83 | \$277.09 | \$23.09 | 13.4% | \$381.31 | \$31.78 | 19.4% |
| 8 pennies | \$2,390.41 | \$316.67 | \$26.39 | 15.3% | \$420.89 | \$35.07 | 21.4% |

QUESTIONS?



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Art Featured:

La Mujer is a mosaic mural created by participants in the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center's (MACC) **Camino teen leadership** program, under the guidance of local muralist **J Muzacz** and Caminos coordinator Frederico Geib. This permanent outdoor artwork is located at the Southeast corner of the MACC.

Iconic role models featured in the mural include Selena Quintanilla, Dolores Huerta, and Emma Barrientos, to name a few. The mural celebrates their courage and success as trailblazers in art, music, and dance as well as their dual roles of activists, mothers, and community leaders.