



THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HENDERSON, TEXAS, WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. FOR A REGULAR RESCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING, IN THE THOMAS WARD COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMPLEX, 300 W. MAIN STREET, FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

Mayor:

Henry Pace

Mayor Pro Tem

Gina Juarez

Council Members:

Stephen Strong

Michael Searcy

Greg Jackson

Lee Scoggins

Gina Juarez

City Manager:

Jay Abercrombie

City Secretary

Cheryl Jimerson

CALL TO ORDER: *The Mayor will call the meeting to order, declare a quorum if present, and declare notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.*

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes and taken in the order they are received. By State law, no action may be taken on items not on the agenda.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION

1. Consideration and possible action upon taking a record vote for the proposed 2026 property tax rate. (Abercrombie)
2. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 2026-08-01 Ordering a Municipal Election to be held November 3, 2026, for Mayor and Council Districts 2 and 3 with one Charter amendment proposition. (Jimerson)

ADJOURNMENT

3. Adjourn

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at (903) 657-6551.

CERTIFICATE

I certify the foregoing notice was posted on the notice board in front of the Municipal Services Complex, Henderson, Texas, on this 29th day of July 2026.

Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary



City Council

Agenda Item # 1.

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action upon taking a record vote for the proposed 2026 property tax rate. (Abercrombie)

MEETING DATE: August 4, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Administration

CONTACT:

RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

ITEM SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

1. 2026 Proposed Tax Rate Exceeds the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate but not the Voter Approved Tax Rate

Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §§26.06(b-2).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

This notice only applies to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit or municipality with a population of less than 30,000, regardless of whether it is a special taxing unit.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$.620000	per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$.569899	per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$.694411	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 City of Henderson from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

(current tax year)
(name of taxing unit)
(preceding tax year)
(current tax year)

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

(name of taxing unit)

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Henderson is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

(current tax year)
(name of taxing unit)

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 7/29/26 6:10 pm August 4, 2026 at 6 pm
at Municipal Services Complex 300 W. Main St., Henderson, TX 75652.

(date and time)
(meeting place)

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Henderson is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of City of Henderson at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

(name of taxing unit)
(name of governing body)

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

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

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: _____
AGAINST the proposal: _____
PRESENT and not voting: _____
ABSENT: _____

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 City of Henderson last year
(name of taxing unit)
to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Henderson this year.
(name of taxing unit)

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	2025 adopted tax rate .529139	2026 proposed tax rate .620000	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between tax rate for preceding year and proposed tax rate for current year) per \$100, or (percentage difference between tax rate for preceding year and proposed tax rate for current year)% .0900861 or 17.17%
Average homestead taxable value	2025 average taxable value of residence homestead \$134,116	2026 average taxable value of residence homestead \$145,315	(Increase/Decrease) of (percentage difference between average taxable value of residence homestead for preceding year and current year)% \$11,199 or 8.35%
Tax on average homestead	2025 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$709.66	2026 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$900.95	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between amount of taxes imposed on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the preceding year and the amount of taxes proposed on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the current year), or (percentage difference between taxes imposed for preceding year and taxes proposed for current year)% \$191.29 or 26.96%
Total tax levy on all properties	2025 levy \$4,653,996	(2026 proposed rate x current total value)/100 \$5,475,114	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between preceding year levy and proposed levy for current year), or (percentage difference between preceding year levy and proposed levy for current year)% \$821,118 or 17.64%



City Council

Agenda Item # 2.

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 2026-08-01 Ordering a Municipal Election to be held November 3, 2026, for Mayor and Council Districts 2 and 3 with one Charter amendment proposition. (Jimerson)

MEETING DATE: August 4, 2026

DEPARTMENT: City Secretary

CONTACT:

RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:
ITEM SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

1. 2026-08-01 General Election Resolution
2. Order of Election 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HENDERSON TEXAS, ORDERING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2026 TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS: MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT #2 AND COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT #3; PROPOSITION 1 AN ORDINANCE MAY BE PASSED WITH ONE READING, UNLESS THE CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO MODIFY THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND REQUESTS THAT THE MATTER BE CONSIDERED AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING. ESTABLISHING PARAMENTERS FOR EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE, OBTAINING APPLICATION FOR BALLOT BY MAIL, AND LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY.

WHEREAS, the City of Henderson Texas (The City), In accordance with the Texas Election Code, Section 41.001, the Legislature prescribes the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2026 as one of the four uniform election dates for holding an election. Therefore, the City of Henderson General Election shall be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of November 2026; and,

WHEREAS, as the laws of the State of Texas further provide that the Election Code of the State of Texas is applicable to said election, and in order to comply with said Code, an order shall be passed establishing the parameters for early voting by personal appearance, obtaining applications for ballot by mail, and designating the voting place in said election.

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

SECTION 1.

That the Order of Election for Municipalities as prescribed by State of Texas in accordance to the Texas Election Code Sections 3.004, 3.006, 4.008, 85.004, and 85.007. has been ordered.

SECTION 2.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Rusk County Election Office, 204 North Main Street, Henderson, Texas, between the hours and days as listed:

Mon.	Oct. 19th	8am -5pm	Mon.	Oct. 26th	7am - 7pm
Tues.	Oct. 20th	8am -5pm	Tues.	Oct. 27th	7am - 7pm
Wed.	Oct. 21st	8am -5pm	Wed.	Oct. 28th	7am - 7pm
Thurs.	Oct. 22nd	8am -5pm	Thurs.	Oct 29th	7am - 7pm
Fri.	Oct. 23rd	8am -5pm	Fri.	Oct 30th	7am - 7pm
Sat.	Oct. 24th	7am-7pm			
Sun.	Oct. 25th	9 am - 3pm			

SECTION 3.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to the Early Voting Clerk: Rusk County Elections Administrator, P.O. Box 668, Henderson, TX 75653. Said applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 23, 2020.

SECTION 4.

Said election for MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT #2, COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT #3, and Proposition 1 An ordinance may be passed with one reading, unless the City Council votes to modify the proposed ordinance and requests that the matter be considered a subsequent meeting. Shall be held at the Rusk County Election Office, 204 North Main Street, Henderson, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HENDERSON, TEXAS, this 4 day of August, 2026.

ATTEST

Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

Henry Pace, Mayor

ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES
ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL PARA MUNICIPIOS

An election is hereby ordered to be held on ____/____/____ for the purpose of voting on:
(date)
(Por la presente se ordena celebrar una elección el ____/____/____ con el propósito de votar sobre.)
(fecha)

List Offices/Propositions/Measures on the ballot (Enúmere los puestos/proposiciones/medidas oficiales en la boleta)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

The Main Early Voting Location (sitio principal de votación adelantada)

Location (sitio) Hours (horas)

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Branch Early Voting Locations (sucursal sitios de votación adelantada)

Location (sitio) Hours (horas)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekend at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo en el fin de semana en:)

The Main Early Voting Location (sitio principal de votación adelantada)

Location (sitio) Hours (horas)

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Branch Early Voting Locations (sucursal sitios de votación adelantada)

Location (sitio) Hours (horas)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Name of Early Voting Clerk
(Nombre del Secretario/a de la Votación Adelantada)

Address (Dirección)

City (Ciudad) Zip Code (Código Postal)

Telephone Number (Número de teléfono)

Email Address (Dirección de Correo Electrónico)

Early Voting Clerk’s Website (Sitio web del Secretario/a de Votación Adelantada)

Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBM)s must be received no later than the close of business on:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el:)

_____/_____/_____.
(date)(fecha)

Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on:
(La Tarjeta Federal Postal de Solicitud deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el:)

_____/_____/_____.
(date)(fecha)

Issued this _____ day of _____, 20_____.
(day) (month) (year)

(Emitida este día _____ de _____, 20_____.)
(día) (mes) (año)

Signature of Mayor (Firma del Alcalde)

Signature of Councilperson
(Firma del Concejal)

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Instruction Note: A copy of this election order must be delivered to the County Clerk/Elections Administrator and Voter Registrar not later than 60 days before election day.

Nota de Instrucción: Se deberá entregar una copia de esta orden de elección al/a la Secretario(a) del Condado/Administrador(a) de Elecciones y el/la Registrador(a) de Votantes a más tardar 60 días antes del día de elección.