



ORDINANCE NO. 3958

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET AND STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING THAT EXPENDITURES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID BUDGET; APPROPRIATING AND SETTING ASIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDS OUT OF THE GENERAL AND OTHER REVENUES OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY; APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS REQUIRED FOR SUCH BUDGET; AMENDING THE 2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, as required by Section 4.02 of the City Charter, the City Manager has prepared and submitted to the City Council a proposed budget of the revenues and expenditures for conducting the affairs of the City for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, as required by Section 3.02(2) of the City Charter, the City Manager has prepared and submitted to the City Council a proposed budget that includes a listing of the offices, departments, or agencies recommended for inclusion in the budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received presentations and recommendations from staff as to the guiding principles of the City in developing a strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's objective is to define a General Fund balance target within a range of approximately 90 days' operating expenditures to provide for emergencies, working capital, and unanticipated one-time expenditures; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has received the City Manager's proposed budget and strategic plan, a copy of which, with all supporting schedules, has been filed with the City Secretary of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that public hearing notices were published and posted and that public hearings were held, as required by law; and

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

SECTION 1. The proposed budget of the revenues and expenditures necessary for conducting the affairs of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, providing a complete financial plan for the ensuing fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, as submitted to the City Council by the City Manager, a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's Office and incorporated herein by reference, be and the same is hereby adopted and approved as the budget of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

SECTION 2. The expenditures during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, shall be made in accordance with the budget approved by this Ordinance unless otherwise authorized by a duly enacted ordinance of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of providing guiding principles for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, the strategic plan, as submitted to the City Council by the City Manager, a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's Office and incorporated herein by reference, be and the same is hereby adopted and approved as the strategic plan of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

SECTION 4. All budget amendments and transfers of appropriations budgeted from one account or activity to another within any individual activity for the fiscal year 2024-2025 are hereby ratified, and the budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2024-2025, heretofore enacted by the City Council, be and the same is hereby amended to the extent of such transfer and amendments for all purposes.

SECTION 5. That specific authority is given to the City Manager to make the following adjustments:

1. Transfer of appropriations budgeted from one account classification to another account classification within the same department;
2. Transfer of appropriations from designated appropriations from one department or activity to another department or activity within the same fund;
3. Transfer of unencumbered appropriations within a department; and
4. Transfers from the General Fund and all other Funds of unexpended appropriations and excess revenues for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

SECTION 6. Upon approval of the budget, the budget officer shall file a true and certified copy thereof with the County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

SECTION 7. Should any word, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid.

SECTION 8. All provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law and charter in such case provide.

UPON CALLING FOR A VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE, THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED AS FOLLOWS:

	Aye	Nay
Omar Roman, Councilmember - District 1		
Tina Bennett-Burton, Mayor Pro Tem - District 2		
David Reid, Councilmember – District 3		
Elizabeth Villafranca, Councilmember – District 4		
Roger Neal, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem – District 5		
Mayor Terry Lynne (voting in case of absence or tie)		

WITH ___ VOTING “AYE” AND ___ VOTING “NAY,” THIS ORDINANCE IS DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, ON THE 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Erin Flores, City Secretary

Terry Lynne, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nicole Corr, City Attorney