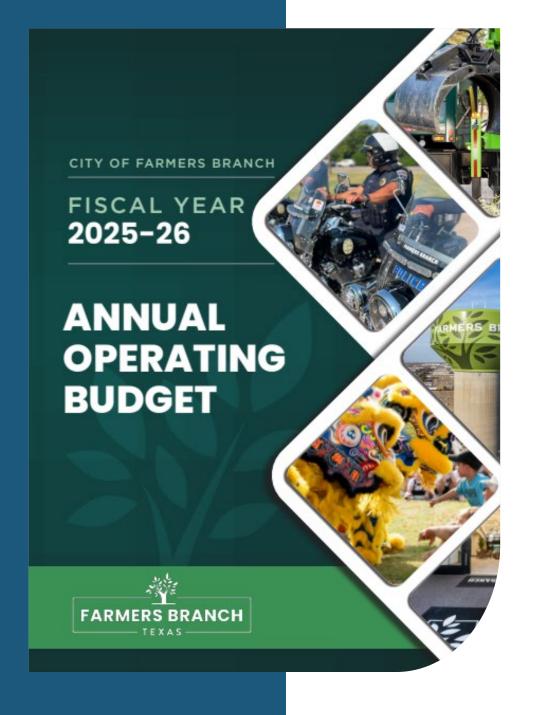


BUDGET REVIEW - FY 2025-26

Presented By: City Management, City of Farmers Branch

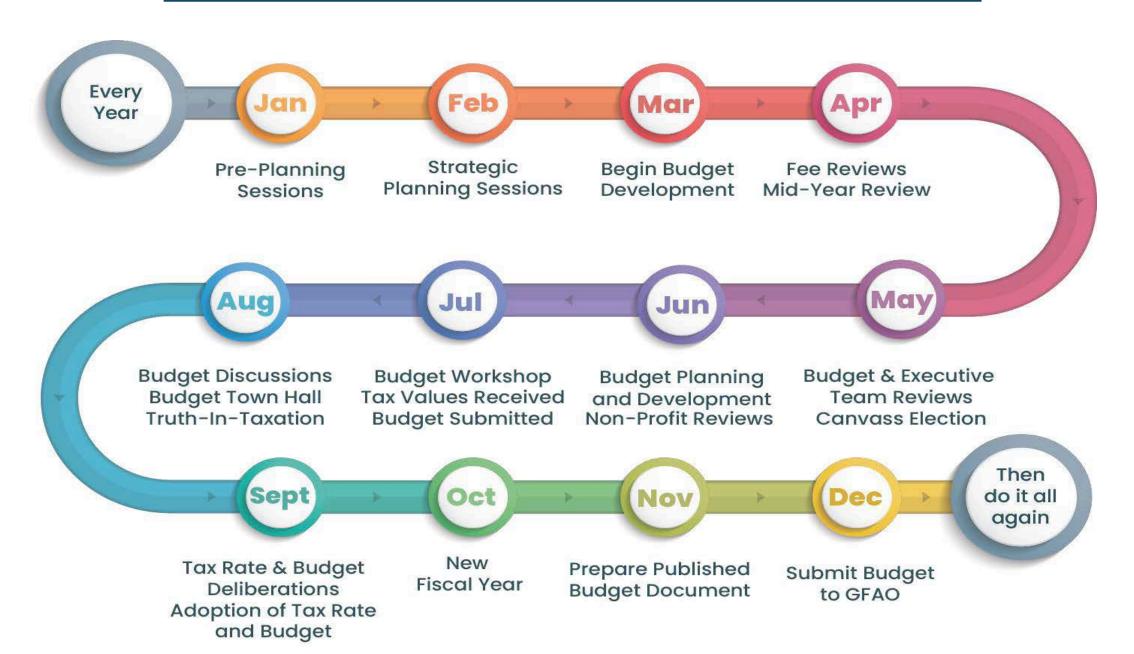
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FY 2025-26 Budget Goals

- Council & Community Priorities
- Priorities: Public Safety, Public Infrastructure,Economic Development & Neighborhoods
- 3 Ensure financial resilience now & into the future
- Keeping the process open, honest, and transparent

CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH BUDGET PROCESS



BUDGET TIMELINE

Draft

June 24th City Council Budget Workshop July 25th, Dallas County certified tax rolls; July 31st, City Manager submits the proposed budget

AUG

Approve

2nd Public hearing on the tax rate 16th City Council adopts tax rate, fee schedules, and 25-26 budget, and Revised 24-25 budget

END

START

Planning

FEB

JUNE/JULY

Review

SEPT

Strategic Planning Session to affirm City Council's priorities to prepare the 2025-26 Budget

5th City Council reviews budget 8th Truth in taxation calculations due from Dallas County 12th Budget Review

19th Proposed tax rate vote for the public hearing 26th Budget Town Hall

6 WEEKS

KEY BUDGET PRIORITIES & ACTIONS

INITIAL BUDGET PRIORITIES

Public Safety

☐ Streetlights = \$100k

☐ Traffic Signals & School Beacons = \$840k ☐ Traffic Assessment = \$340k ☐ Lane Striping = \$300k **Economic Development & Neighborhood** ☐ Increase in ED funds = \$200k ☐ TIF 2 Engineering study = \$200k ☐ Economic Development Grant Request = \$50k Infrastructure ☐ City's aging infrastructure = \$9MM ☐ Fleet Replacement per schedule = \$2.8 MM ☐ Blockchain & Al Integration = \$100K ☐ City Facilities' Assessment = \$150K **Positions & Compensation** ☐ 5 positions for the Police Department ☐ Decreased employees' raises to 2% from 3%

PROPOSED BUDGET – FY 2025-26 per COUNCIL DIRECTION

PROPOSED FEES CHANGES

DEPARTMENTS	PROPOSED FEE
COMMUNITY SERVICES (Chapters 14, 22, 26, 30, 38, & 56)	Short-Term Rental = \$250 Special Events Permit = \$50/permit Vacant Building = \$500 per application & inspection Vacant Building = \$500 quarterly inspection after issuance of license
FIRE (Chapters 30 & 38)	□ EMS – Fee change for residents EMS mileage fee increases from \$15/mile to \$24/mile for transport from the nearest City limit to any hospital outside of the City. □ Annual Fire Inspection – Change in fee based on the square foot to each occupancy type & number of floors
PUBLIC WORKS (Chapter 86)	 □ Fats, Oils, and Grease Permit Fee: \$50.00 □ Grease Trap Inspection Fee: \$350.00 □ Grit Trap Inspection Fee: \$350.00 □ Grease Trap/Grit Trap Reinspection Fee: \$200.00

Fee Schedule Change on the Future City Council Agenda

Farmers Branch FY 25-26 Budget

HISTORY OF WATER/WASTE WATER RATES

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
<u>Purchased</u> <u>Water (DWU)</u>										
DWU Volume Rate	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.57
Percent Change (%)		2.33%	4.55%	(19.57%)	2.70%	5.26%	12.50%	0.00%	15.56%	9.62%
DWU Demand Rate	\$243,453	\$262,058	\$280,458	\$276,434	\$278,529	\$291,422	\$312,607	\$320,826	\$328,362	\$356,978
Percent Change (%)		7.64%	7.02%	(1.43%)	0.76%	4.63%	7.27%	2.63%	2.35%	8.71%
Treated Wastewater (TRA)										
TRA Rate	\$ 2.21	\$ 2.49	\$ 2.52	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.93	\$ 3.06	\$ 3.19	\$ 3.17	\$ 3.60	\$ 3.96
Percent Change (%)		12.74%	1.49%	9.16%	6.28%	4.44%	4.22%	(0.56%)	13.57%	9.92%

Farmers Branch FY 25-26 Budget

DWU & TRA RATES

DWU's current projections for wholesale rate increases range from 10 to 15% annually

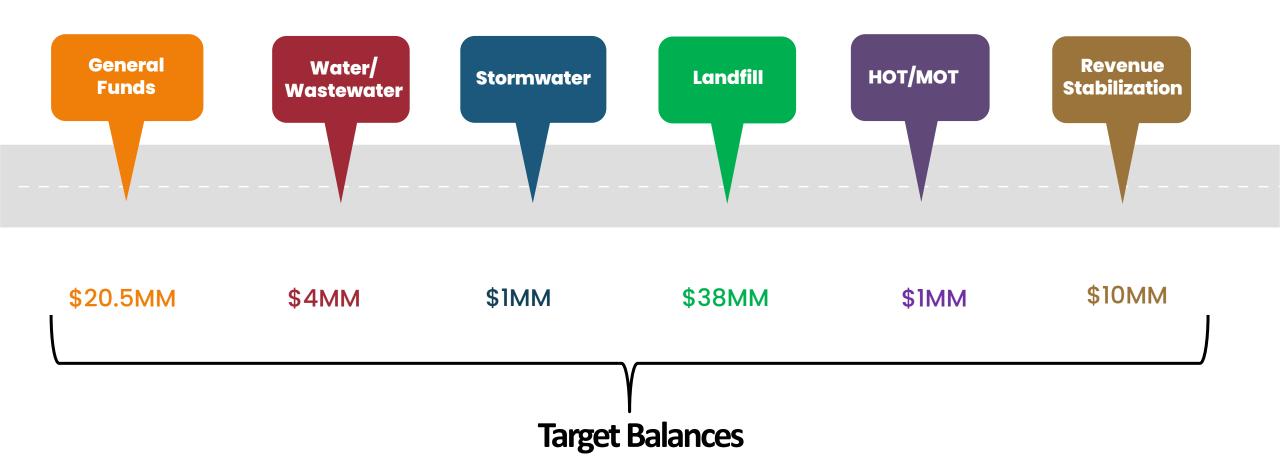
	FY 2024	FY 2025
Demand Charge	\$328,362	\$356,978
Volume Rate /1,000 gal.	\$0.5150	\$0.5663

TRA's current projections for wholesale rate increases range from 7 to 11% annually

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Proj. Flows (All Cities)	142.828	141.321	142.028	142.738	143.451	144.169
Total Rate (Debt & O&M)	\$3.598	\$3.955	\$4.384	\$4.835	\$5.210	\$5.547

Note: Flows are projected in MGD

FUND SECURITY





PLATFORMS

- Budget Survey
- Budget 101 video
- Trifold handout
- E-newsletters & Email
- Infographic
- Social media

THEMES

- Compared to other cities
- Keep the same tax rate
- Dollar chart with breakdown
- Pie Charts for Budget
- CFBISD Information

TOWNHALL

- The Branch Connection 8/26/2025
- Show Budget 101 Video
- Budget Presentation
- Boards on easels
- Q & A
- Email questions

Questions





PREPARING FOR END OF YEAR

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

☐ Parks, Deferred Projects

One-time Expenditures

□ General Fund

☐ Revenue Stabilization Fund



Increase Fund Balance

☐ Landfill Closure/Post-Closure



Decrease Liabilities