

2024-25 Budget Topics & Timing

CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS **Annual** Operating **Budget**

Budget Timeline

Draft

9th City Council Budget Retreat
25th Dallas County certifies tax rolls;
31st City Manager submits the
proposed budget

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Approve

3rd Public hearing on the tax rate 17th City Council adopts tax rate, fee schedules, and 24-25 budget and Revised 23-24 budget

FEB

START



JULY

Review

SEPT

Strategic Planning Session to affirm City's mission statement and strategy map with critical business outcomes (CBOs) to be used in preparation of 24-25 budget 6th City Council reviews budget 20th Proposed tax rate vote for the public hearing 27th Budget Town Hall END



Budget Topics & Presentations



Budget Themes



CIP, Debt, Salaries/Benefits, Special Events, Fixed Assets, Medians, Fees, Positions



Revenues, Fund Balances, Transfers



Communication and Outreach

CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS

Annual
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Study Session Topics:

- Capital Improvements
- Debt Alignment
- Revenues
- Salaries/Benefits

- Fixed Assets
- Fees
- Special Events
- Medians
- Positions

Budget Townhall – Community Input August 27, 2024

Public Hearing – Budget on September 5th
-- Tax Rates on September 17th

Budget and Tax-Rate Adoption – September 17th



GENERAL FUND | Revenue Planning

SALES & USE TAX

- Elastic revenue source with fluctuations in consumer spending and inflation
- Upward trend has now peaked

- \$26M projection for FY23-24
- Excess of \$23M goes to Revenue Stabilization Fund (RSF)
- Projecting lower for 24-25 Budget



REVENUE PLANNING

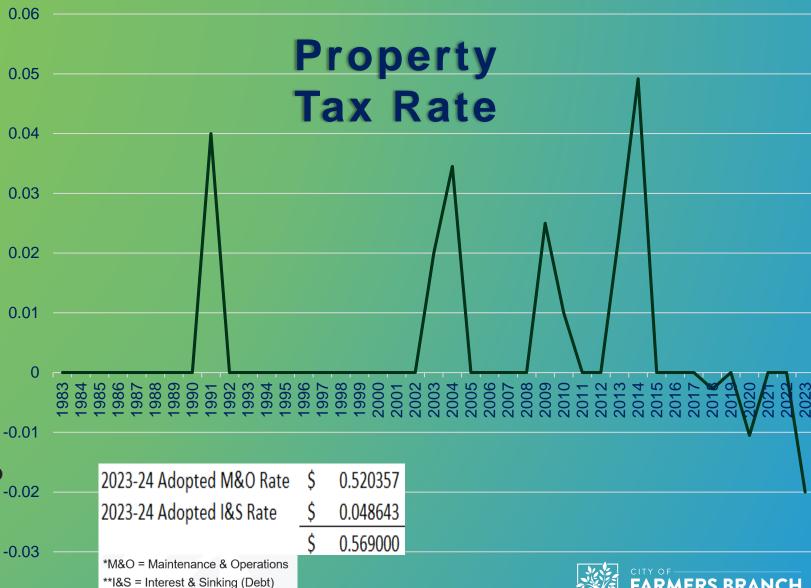
Propose another Tax
Rate decrease.

Current rate is 0.569 with

Homestead Exemption = 20%

Senior/Disable Exempt=\$100K

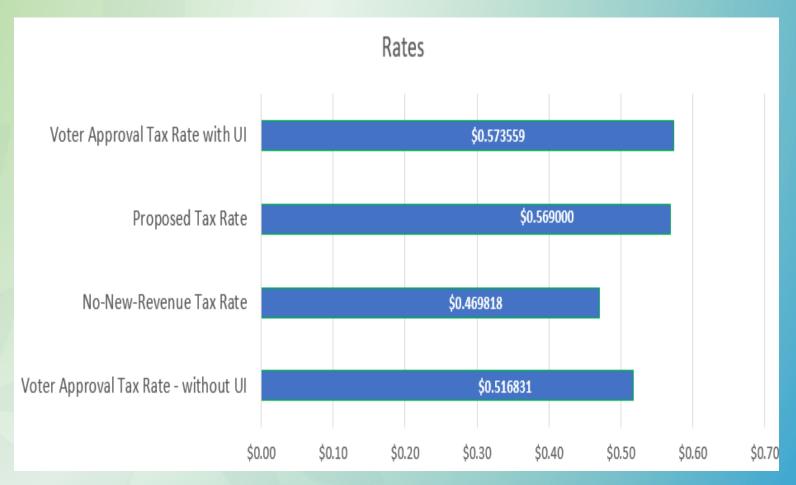
Senate Bill 2 is shifting cities to -0.02 increasing I&S rates with cap on M&O rate



GENERAL FUND | Revenue Planning

PROPERTY TAXES

- 2024-25 Budget assumption is 3.5% revenue increase
- Senate Bill 2 (SB2) –lowered the voter-approval rate from 8% to 3.5% growth
- Voter approval rate = (No New Revenue M&O rate x 1.035) + I&S rate
- Unused increment (UI) rate is now expired. It allowed cities to bank differential from adopted rate and voter rate to ease into cap
- New property is excluded from SB2 calculations.





DEBT STRATEGY | Financial Strength



- Shifting from I&S to O&M due to increase cost of assets
- Public Safety vehicles increase in price and longer delivery times

TOTAL DEBT EXPENDITURES FOR FY23-24 - \$6.62M





Questions?

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