

A vibrant field of bluebonnets in full bloom, with a few red flowers scattered throughout. The background features a warm sunset sky with a bright sun on the left and silhouettes of trees on the horizon.

# Budget

## FY 2025-2026

CITY OF SANTA CLARA

1653 N Santa Clara Rd, Santa Clara, TX 78124



**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, TEXAS, ADOPTING  
THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA,  
TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND  
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY,  
AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Section 102.002 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that the budget officer prepare a municipal budget each year to cover the proposed expenditures of the municipal government for the succeeding fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was prepared by the Mayor, as the budget officer, for the City of Santa Clara, Texas ("City") and filed with the City Secretary on August 25, 2025;

WHEREAS, the proposed budget has been available for inspection by any person at City Hall and on the City's website since August 25, 2025;

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget of the City for the fiscal year 2024-2025 has been posted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held at the time and place as provided for in the notice of such public hearing prior to the City's Council consideration of this Ordinance and all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard on said proposed budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SANTA CLARA, TEXAS, THAT:**

1. Findings of Fact

The above recitals contained in the preamble are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are incorporated herein for all purposes and are adopted as legislative findings of the City Council of the City of Santa Clara, Texas.

2. Approval of Budget

The City hereby approves and adopts the budget, attached as Appendix A, as the City's annual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

3. Records and Posting

The City Secretary is hereby directed to maintain a certified copy of this ordinance with a true copy of the attached budget, to include the budget cover page as required by law, and to post and maintain a copy of same on the City's website as required by law.

4. Severability Clause

If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this

Ordinance as a whole or provision thereof, other than the part so adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional.

5. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately from and after its passage.

6. Proper Notice of Meeting

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, and Chapter 551.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25 day of September, 2025, by a record vote of:

Place 1 Marian Carty

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

*Marian Carty*

Place 2 Ernest Schoenefeldt

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

Place 3 Amanda Desormeaux

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

*Amanda Desormeaux*

Place 4 Dwane Atkins

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

*Dwane Atkins*

Place 5 Darin Henningsen

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

*Darin Henningsen*

*Chase Grier*

Chase Grier, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Michelle Pack*

Michelle Pack, City Secretary

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 012**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, TEXAS LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX OF \$0.1634 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING FOR AND APPORTIONING THE LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Constitution and Texas Property Tax Code, a general law municipality such as the City of Santa Clara (the "City") has the authority to levy and collect ad valorem tax on property;

WHEREAS, the ad valorem tax is based on the appraised value of property;

WHEREAS, in 2024 the City Council of the City of Santa Clara, Texas levied an ad valorem tax of \$0.1614 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City for the maintenance and operations of the municipal government of the City for fiscal year 2024 - 2025;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Santa Clara, Texas, has approved the municipal budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that an ordinance be passed levying an ad valorem tax on all property, both real and personal, within the corporate limits of the City of Santa Clara, Texas in accordance with such budget and the Texas Tax Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SANTA CLARA, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1: Findings of Fact

The above recitals contained in the preamble hereabove are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are incorporated herein for all purposes and are adopted as legislative findings of the City Council of the City of Santa Clara, Texas.

Section 2: Approval of 2025 Tax Rate

There be and is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use, support and operation of the municipal government of the City of Santa Clara, upon all taxable property, real, personal

and mixed, situated within the corporate city limits of the City of Santa Clara, Texas, subject to taxation and not otherwise exempt by the Constitution or laws of the State of Texas or Ordinances of the City, an ad valorem tax of \$0.1634 per each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on said taxable property, and said tax shall be levied and apportioned as follows:

For the current expenses, maintenance and operation of the general government (General Fund), \$0.1634 per each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on taxable property; and

For the interest and sinking fund (to pay the interest and principal on all outstanding bonds or other indebtedness of the City, not otherwise provided for) \$0.00 per each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on taxable property.

"THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE."

#### Section 3: Due Date and Collection

Taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2025 and if not paid before January 31, 2026 shall immediately become delinquent. The County Tax Assessor/Collector for Guadalupe County is hereby authorized to assess, collect and remit to the City the taxes on taxable property, for which this ordinance applies, in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

#### Section 4: Delinquent Taxes: Interest: Lien

Said delinquent taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the County Tax Assessor/Collector is hereby authorized to enforce the collection of such delinquent taxes, according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and ordinances of the City, and shall, and by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property whether real, personal or mixed for the payment of said delinquent taxes, penalty and interest. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate prescribed by law. The penalty and interest collected from such delinquent taxes shall be deposited in the General Fund of the City of Santa Clara.

#### Section 5: Records

The City Secretary of said City shall keep accurate and complete records of all monies remitted to the City by the County under this Ordinance, and the purposes for which the same are expended.

#### Section 6: Expenditure of Funds

Monies collected pursuant to this Ordinance shall be expended as set forth in the City of Santa Clara's Annual Budget FY 2025-2026.

#### Section 7: Severability Clause

If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or provision thereof, other than the part so adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional.

#### Section 8: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately from and after its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25 day of September, 2025, by a record vote:

[Attestation and Recording of Record Vote on next page]

Place 1 Marian Carty

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

*Marian Carty*

Place 2 Ernest Schoenefeldt

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

Place 3 Amanda Desormeaux

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

*Amanda Desormeaux*

Place 4 Dwane Atkins

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

*Dwane Atkins*

Place 5 Darin Henningsen

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

*Darin Henningsen*

*Chase Grier*

Chase Grier, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Michelle Pack*

Michelle Pack, City Secretary



# SANTA CLARA, TEXAS

## City Council

Chase Grier  
Mayor

Marian Carty  
Place 1  
Mayor Pro-Tempore

Ernest Schoenefeldt  
Place 2

Amanda Desormeaux  
Place 3

Dwane Atkins  
Place 4

Darin Henningsen  
Place 5



# SANTA CLARA, TEXAS

## FY 2025-2026

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$2,482.15 equal to a 1.93% increase. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$4,311.31.

The members of the City Council voted on the budget as follows:

For:

Council Person – Marian Carty  
Council Person – Amanda Desormeaux  
Council Person – Dwane Atkins  
Council Person – Darin Henningsen

Against:

Absent:

Council Person – Ernest Schoenefeldt

### PROPERTY TAX RATE COMPARISON

	2025	2024
No New Revenue Tax Rate:	0.1634	0.1821
Voter Approval Tax Rate:	0.1992	0.1878
De Minimis Rate:	0.7915	0.8033

<u>REVENUE:</u>		<u>23-24 ACTUAL</u>	<u>24-25 BUDGET</u>	<u>25-26 BUDGET</u>
	Calpine	516,159.00	557,451.00	601,583.00
	Ad Valorem Tax	116,982.00	129,780.00	130,787.90
	Sales Tax	41,239.00	27,000.00	27,000.00
	Permits	183,010.00	30,000.00	18,000.00
	Interest	13,355.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Fine and Fees - From Court	292,267.00	114,740.00	115,000.00
	Court Fund Cost		32,194.00	
	Towing		2,500.00	
	Franchise Tax	18,029.00		
	Grants	20,939.00		
	School Resource Officer	43,520.00		
	Other Revenue	39,026.00		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE/GROSS PROFIT</b>		<b>1,284,526.00</b>	<b>895,665.00</b>	<b>894,370.90</b>

<b>CITY EXPENSES:</b>					
	Ad Valorem Tax collection	185.40	500.00	2,000.00	
	Appraisal District	1,668.43	900.00	950.00	
	IRS - Portion - city		20,000.00	27,000.00	
	Elections	660.00	5,200.00	4,000.00	
	Bldg Maintenance	1,260.00	1,471.00	1,500.00	
	Building Cleaning	5,189.84	5,500.00	5,500.00	
	Bank Service Charges	145.00		300.00	
					<b>41,250.00</b>
	<b>Dues and Membership</b>				
	AACOG	600.00	600.00	600.00	
	Northeast Partnership	1,100.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	
	TML Dues	291.00	1,400.00	700.00	
	Training and Meetings		500.00		
	<b>TOTAL 01-4000 DUES AND MEMBERSHIP</b>				<b>2,800.00</b>
	<b>Interlocal Agreements</b>				
	Marion Fire Dept	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	
	Schertz EMS	13,775.00	14,200.00	16,966.37	
	<b>TOTAL 01-5000 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS</b>				<b>22,966.37</b>
	Marion Community Library	500.00	500.00	500.00	
	Training and Meetings	195.00		5,000.00	
	Office Supplies - bldg	810.70	1,200.00	1,200.00	
	Office Equipment Expense Bldg	1,624.13	500.00	2,500.00	
	Legal Services ( city attorney)	35,610.00	36,000.00	50,000.00	
	Audit Services	8,800.00	8,000.00	11,000.00	
	Postage & Delivery	179.45	400.00	400.00	
	Newspaper Ads	1,403.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
	Communications	192.00	2,000.00		
	IT Fund		5,000.00		
	Website			300.00	
	Bookkeeping Services			3,000.00	
	<b>TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSES</b>				<b>76,900.00</b>
	<b>Utilities</b>				
	Gas & Electric	4,398.20	4,500.00	4,500.00	
	Telephone	3,516.00	1,600.00	3,200.00	
	Internet ( GVEC internet)	1,381.90	1,200.00	1,400.00	
	Water (GVSUD)	421.90	450.00	600.00	
	<b>TOTAL 15-4100 UTILITIES</b>				<b>9,700.00</b>
	<b>MC Municipal Court- Salary</b>				
	Long, Carmen - Court Judge/Clerk		60,000.00	60,000.00	
	MC Court Clerk		16,920.00		
	MC Payroll Expenses -SS & MED		1,780.00	4,590.00	
	<b>TOTAL 02-2100 MC MUNICIPAL COURT - SALARY</b>	120,589.00	13,800.00		<b>64,590.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL MC MUNICIPAL COURT OPERATING COSTS</b>	30,315.00			
	<b>Roads/Facilities</b>				
	Dumpster Rental	403.65		4,000.00	
	Equipment Rental (RR Minor)	2,315.23	4,000.00	4,000.00	
	Flood Control	598.20	5,000.00	3,500.00	
	Mowing	15,637.40	17,500.00	17,500.00	
	Road Signs	2,459.45	3,500.00	5,000.00	
	Road Equipment/Building	1,174.62	1,000.00	1,000.00	
	Road Repairs - Minor (pot holes)	26,646.27	50,000.00	50,000.00	
	Road Repairs - Major (over 10K)	26,629.73	138,361.00	161,166.45	
	Engineer - City Projects	10,176.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	
	<b>TOTAL 04-0000 ROADS/FACILITIES</b>				<b>264,166.45</b>



	<b>Roads Labor</b>				
	#1 Full Time	37,807.76	41,600.00	41,600.00	
	#2 Full Time	4,977.00	16,640.00	39,520.00	
	#3 Part time	8,709.50	16,640.00	20,800.00	
	Payroll Expense roads - SS & MED	3,970.74	5,728.00	7,796.88	
	<b>TOTAL 04-1100 ROADS LABOR</b>				<b>109,716.88</b>
	Vehicle Maintenance	3,133.12	5,000.00	5,500.00	
	Vehicle Fuel	3,911.88	6,000.00	6,000.00	
	Personnel Equipment		85.00	500.00	
	Road Equipment Purchase/maintenance	2,536.01	500.00	10,000.00	
	Traffic Impact Study			50,000.00	
	Drainage Impact Study			70,000.00	
	<b>TOTAL 04-6000 EQUIPMENT</b>				<b>142,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL 05-1100 LE LABOR</b>	269,472.00	174,392.00		
	<b>TOTAL 05-3100 LE OFFICE EXPENSES</b>	61,897.00	15,864.00		
	<b>TOTAL 05-4000 LE SUPPORT EXPENSES</b>	21,975.00	3,875.00		
	<b>TOTAL 05-7000 LE VEHICLES</b>	112,517.00	63,130.00		
	<b>Administrative Salary</b>				
	#1 Full Time	34,669.30	36,000.00	60,000.00	
	#2 Part Time	14,416.61	16,920.00	20,800.00	
	Admin Payroll Expenses - SS & MED	3,755.08	4,048.00	6,181.20	
	<b>TOTAL 15-1110 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARY</b>				<b>86,981.20</b>
	<b>Admin Department</b>				
	Admin Training/Travel		5,000.00	1,000.00	
	Admin Memberships		120.00	200.00	
	Admin Office Supplies(paper, toner, paperclips, pens, etc)	889.15	2,500.00	2,000.00	
	Admin Office Software (Microsoft, Quickbooks)	96.72	1,500.00	1,500.00	
	Admin Office Equipment (furniture, computer, printers, copier)	416.63	2,100.00	1,000.00	
	Benefits Administrator		9,516.00		
	Variance due to incorrect calculation in 2024-2025 budget		24.00		
	<b>TOTAL 15-6000 ADMIN DEPARTMENT</b>				<b>5,700.00</b>
	<b>City Insurances</b>				
	TML Health Insurance			37,600.00	
	TML City Insurance (liability, workers comp)	20,247.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	
	<b>TOTAL 15-6180 City Insurance</b>				<b>67,600.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>929,249.00</b>	<b>895,664.00</b>	<b>894,370.90</b>	