

ORDINANCE NO. 25-09-25-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE TAX RATE ON TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS, AND LEVYING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS, AND INTEREST AND SINKING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, AND APPROPRIATING EACH PART THEREOF FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State Legislature enacted Senate Bill 18, which mandated that municipal ordinances establishing annual tax rates must describe an increase in total maintenance and operations taxes compared to the previous year, and the rise of such taxes on a \$100,000 home compared to the previous year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 on September 25, 2025, and gave all interested persons the opportunity to provide input on the proposed tax rate; and

WHEREAS, upon full review and consideration of the matter, the City Council is of the opinion that the tax rate for the year 2025 set, fixed, and adopted herein below is proper,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are findings of the City Council and are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. There is hereby levied and shall be collected an ad valorem tax rate of **\$0.42** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for all taxable property located in the City of Lago Vista, Texas, on the 1st day of January 2025, and not exempted from taxation by the constitution and laws of the State of Texas, to provide for the expenses of the City of Lago Vista for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026. The said tax is made up of components as follows:

a. For the maintenance and operations needs of the City of Lago Vista the maintenance and operations (M&O) property tax is hereby adopted as .245816 cents per each 100 dollars of property valuation. The tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be increased by 2.55 percent and will increase taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home; and

b. For the debt service obligations of the City of Lago Vista interest and sinking (I&S) property tax is hereby adopted a .17418 cents per each 100 dollars of property valuation. The tax rate will raise less taxes for interest and sinking than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be decreased by 5.03 percent and will decrease taxes to meet debt obligations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 2.55 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$ 6.12. HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE INTEREST AND SINKING WILL BE EFFECTIVELY DECREASED BY 5.03 PERCENT, THERE WILL NOT BE AN OVERALL INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES ON A HOME.

Section 3. All taxes levied under the Ordinance for the specific purposes named herein shall be and is hereby approved to be collected and appropriated to the account(s) of the City of Lago Vista for the specific purpose indicated in each items a and b above, by the Property Tax Assessor/Collector of the City of Lago Vista. The City shall have available all rights and remedies provided by law for the enforcement of the collection of taxes levied under this Ordinance.

Section 4. Severability: if any provision, section, clause, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or its application shall not be affected, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting and approving this ordinance that no portion, provision, or regulation contained herein shall be inoperative or fail by any reasons of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any other portion, provision or regulation.

Section 5. That all other ordinances, sections, or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the City of Lago Vista in conflict with provisions set out above in this ordinance are hereby repealed or amended as indicated.

Section 6. Effective date: This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force immediately upon its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 25th day of September 2025.



CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS



Kevin Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robin Smith, City Secretary

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as:

Mayor Sullivan:	Aye: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay: <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain: <input type="checkbox"/>	; Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Pro Tem Durbin:	Aye: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay: <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain: <input type="checkbox"/>	; Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Saum:	Aye: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay: <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain: <input type="checkbox"/>	; Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Benefield:	Aye: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay: <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain: <input type="checkbox"/>	; Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Owen:	Aye: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay: <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain: <input type="checkbox"/>	; Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Roberts:	Aye: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay: <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain: <input type="checkbox"/>	; Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Prince:	Aye: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay: <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain: <input type="checkbox"/>	; Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>