



CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN
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AGENDA – BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, August 13, 2025

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Highland Haven City Hall, 510 Highland Drive, Suite A, Highland Haven, TX 78654

1. Open Meeting and Establish Quorum/Roll Call– Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Nuss	☐ Present	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Don Hagans	☐ Present	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Bruce Robertson	☐ Present	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Lynn Smith	☐ Present	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Terry Smith	☐ Present	☐ Absent

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Recognize Visitors

4. Public Comment

(At this time, any person with business before the BOA not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Board. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting. No discussion or deliberation can occur. Comments regarding specific agenda items should occur when the item is called.)

ACTION ITEMS

5. **Discuss with Possible Action** -Adoption of Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.1505 per \$100 of value for 2025; increase of 22.46%

a. Ordinance #135: Adoption of City Tax Rate for 2025

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Nuss	☐ For	☐ Against	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Don Hagans	☐ For	☐ Against	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Bruce Robertson	☐ For	☐ Against	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Lynn Smith	☐ For	☐ Against	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Terry Smith	☐ For	☐ Against	☐ Absent

6. Aldermen Comments

7. City Staff Comments

Next Regular meeting – Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., Highland Haven Community Center

Adjournment.

Posted: August 7, 2025

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I, SARAH COLLARD, CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING AGENDA HAS BEEN POSTED AT HIGHLAND HAVEN CITY HALL, 510 HIGHLAND DRIVE, SUITE A; HIGHLAND HAVEN, TX ON THE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR NOTICE BOARDS OF CITY HALL WHICH ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES AND THE CITY WEBSITE AT WWW.HIGHLANDHAVENTX.COM ON AUGUST 7, 2025, BY 5:00 PM AND REMAINED SO POSTED FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SAID MEETING.

Sarah Collard

Sarah Collard, City Secretary



THIS MEETING SHALL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001 ET SEQ. AT ANY TIME DURING THE MEETING THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE POSTED AGENDA ITEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECTIONS 551.071 (Advice of Counsel), 551.072 (Real Property), 551.073 (Gifts or Donations), 551.074 (Personnel), 551.076 (Security), 551.087 (Economic Development) and/or 418.183 (Homeland Security).

CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN
ORDINANCE # 135
August 13, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TAX ROLLS AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET WITH ALL SAID TAXES BEING LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING FOR A TAX RATE OF \$0.1505/\$100 OF APPRAISED PROPERTY VALUE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, OPEN MEETING AND RECORD VOTE.

Whereas, the City of Highland Haven, Texas (“City”) depends on property taxes to obtain income for the necessary operating expenses of the City; and

Whereas, the City is authorized by the State of Texas to assess property taxes for such purpose; and

Whereas, the Chief Appraiser at the Burnet County Appraisal District has prepared the tax roll and this year’s adjusted tax base for the City of Highland Haven is in the amount of \$265,280,620.00 excluding exemptions; and

Whereas, all provisions of the Truth in Taxation Laws of the State of Texas concerning the computation of the tax rate, the establishment of the proposed tax rate, and the posting of required notices therefor, and the holding of such meeting as a posted and open meeting have been duly met in good faith;

Whereas, the cost for funding public safety programs and additional city staffing hours has increased; and

Whereas, the City’s proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 budget requires a property tax rate of \$0.1505/\$100 of appraised value for 2025-2026, and the 2024-2025 tax rate was \$0.1260/\$100; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. Tax Rolls. That the aforesaid tax rolls for the City of Highland Haven, Texas showing all certified property located within the City on the first day of January 2025, be and the same, are hereby confirmed and approved.

Section 2. Budget. That the City’s Fiscal year Budget, having been approved, requires a property tax rate for the year 2025-2026 to be set at \$0.1505 per \$100.00 of appraised property value.

Section 3. Levy. That there be and is hereby levied for general purposes of the City of Highland Haven, Texas, beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, on all real, personal and mixed property held, owned or situated in the City of Highland Haven, Texas, **the no new revenue ad valorem tax rate of \$0.1229** on every One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of the assessed value, and said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purpose herein set forth :

- a. For the maintenance and operation of the general government (General Fund) \$0.1505 on every One Hundred Dollars (\$100); and
- b. For the general obligation debt service (Debt Service Fund) \$0.0000 on every One Hundred Dollars (\$100).

All moneys collected under this ordinance for the specific items therein named, shall be and the same are hereby appropriated and set apart for the specific purpose indicated in each item and the Assessor and Collector of Taxes shall keep these accounts so as to readily and distinctly show the amount collected, the amounts expended and the amount on hand at any time, belonging to such funds. It is hereby made the duty of the Burnet County Tax Assessor and Collector to deliver a statement at the time of depositing any money, showing from what source such taxes were received and to what account (General Fund or General Debt Service Fund) the funds were deposited.

That the money produced by the tax aforesaid shall be deposited as specified by the Ordinances of the City.

That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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 22.46% AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$24.50.

Tax Code 26.05 (B) (1) (A&B)

Section 4. Authorization - The Burnet Central Appraisal District is authorized to collect taxes for the City for calendar year 2025 at the rate of \$0.1505 / \$100 of appraised valuation.

Section 5. Application - This Ordinance applies to all property located within the city limits of Highland Haven, Texas as shown on the Burnet County Appraisal District 2025 property tax roll.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 13th day of August 2025, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Highland Haven, Texas, by a record of the vote as noted below during a meeting opened to the public, with time, place and purpose given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Aldersperson Lynn Smith:	Aye____; Nay____; Abstain____; Absent____
Aldersperson Don Hagans:	Aye____; Nay____; Abstain____; Absent____
Aldersperson Terry Nuss:	Aye____; Nay____; Abstain____; Absent____
Aldersperson Bruce Robertson:	Aye____; Nay____; Abstain____; Absent____
Aldersperson Terry Smith:	Aye____; Nay____; Abstain____; Absent____

Olan Kelley, Mayor

Attest:

Sarah Collard, City Secretary

Approved as to Form:

Barbara Boulware-Wells, City Attorney

