



**TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
AND SPECIAL MEETING**
Monday, September 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM
Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – U.S. Flag and Texas Flag

OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAAYER

CLOSE REGULAR MEETING

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: BUDGET

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget proposed for adoption by the governing body of the Town of Fulton.

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$76,141, which is a 10.61 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$11,052.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: TAX RATE

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss a Tax Rate of \$0.265052 per \$100 valuation that has been proposed for adoption for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 tax year by the governing body of the Town of Fulton.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (PUBLIC FORUM)

Public participation is valued and at this time, comments limited to three (3) minutes will be taken from persons who have signed the Speaker's Card located on the table inside the Council Chambers and delivered to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Written comments received by submission to the City Secretary in person or emailed to citysec@fultontexas.org by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any subject matter that is not on the agenda, will be read and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council and who have registered using the Speaker's Card will have up to three (3) minutes to speak. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. While civil public criticism is not prohibited; disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace as prohibited by law shall be cause for the chair to terminate the offender's time to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- 3. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 3, 2025.
- 4. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the August 2025 financials.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Tax Rate of \$0.265052/\$100.
- 6. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 327 an Ordinance adopting the tax rate and levy ad valorem taxes for use and support of the Municipal Government of the Town of Fulton, Fulton, Texas for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid and providing for publication.
- 7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Town of Fulton Budget.
- 8. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 328 an Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the Town of Fulton for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; Adopting the Annual Budget of the Town of Fulton, Aransas County, Texas for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.
- 9. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 329 authorizing change of Chief's work period and officers' hours and work period; repealing ordinances in conflict; providing for severance and an effective date.

CLOSED SESSION

The Town Council may elect to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Government Code on any Agenda item where appropriate and particularly Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney) and 551.074 (personnel matters), Government Code.

OPEN SESSION

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove any and all action necessary with regard to the preceding matter(s).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10.** Mayor's Update.
- 11.** The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 1, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Town Council may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss any matters listed on the agenda when authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. If the Council elects to go into executive session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the executive session will be publicly announced by the Mayor. The Council may deliberate and take action in open session on any issue that may be discussed in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at 361/729-5533 or by email at citysec@fultontexas.org for further information. Braille Is Not Available. The Town of Fulton reserves the right to convene into Closed Session under Government Code 551.071-551.074 and 551-086.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at Town Hall, 201 N. Seventh Street, Fulton, Texas, on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., and at the U.S. Post Office located at 301 Cactus Street, Fulton, Texas. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of this meeting as stated above: The Rockport Pilot.

/S/ Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary



Proposed Budget

October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$76,141 OR 10.61%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$11,052 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR. .

**TOWN OF FULTON TAX RATE COMPARISON
FY 2025-2026**

	2024	2025	2025	2025
	Adopted Rate	No-New Revenue Tax Rate	PROPOSED Voter-Approval Tax Rate	De Minimis Tax Rate
M&O Rate	\$ 0.160790	\$ 0.140467	\$ 0.162800	\$ 0.313021
I&S Rate	\$ 0.090053	\$ 0.102252	\$ 0.102252	\$ 0.102252
Total Rate	\$ 0.250843	\$ 0.242719	\$ 0.265052	\$ 0.415273
Freeze Adjusted Taxable Values	\$ 292,135,293	\$ 300,365,300	\$ 300,365,300	\$ 300,365,300
Freeze Taxable Values		\$ 66,777,694	\$ 66,777,694	\$ 66,777,694
Freeze Actual Tax	\$ 140,870	\$ 146,706	\$ 146,706	\$ 146,706
M&O	\$ 560,022	\$ 506,816	\$ 579,105	\$ 907,594
I&S	\$ 313,649	\$ 363,726	\$ 363,726	\$ 316,374
Total Estimated Tax Levy	\$ 873,671	\$ 870,542	\$ 942,831	\$ 1,223,968
FULTON TAXPAYER IMPACT				
		2025	2025	2025
2025 Average Homestead Taxable Value		NNR	VAR	De Minimis
Average Taxable Value - \$251,696		\$ 610.91	\$ 667.13	\$ 1,045.23
		2024	2024	2024
2024 Average Homestead Taxable Value		Adopted Rate	Adopted Rate	Adopted Rate
Average Taxable Value - \$260,453		\$ 653.33	\$ 653.33	\$ 653.33
Average Cost Increase (Decrease)		\$ (42.41)	\$ 13.80	\$ 391.90
2024 vs. 2025				

**Aransas County, Texas
Taxpayer Impact Statement For
Median-Valued Homestead Property
Section 551.043(c), Texas Government Code**

The following comparison is provided for the Median-Valued Homestead Property:

1. Current Fiscal Year Taxes: **\$1,024.50**
2. Estimated Taxes under Proposal Budget: **\$1,048.03**
3. Estimated Taxes under No-New Revenue Rate: **\$ 982.72**

Median – Valued Homestead Property \$276,890

Source: Aransas County Appraisal District

TOWN OF FULTON - 2025 TAX INFORMATION
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FUND	FREEZE ADJUSTED TAXABLE VALUE	X RATE/\$100	EQUALS	PLUS ACTUAL TAX CEILING	ACTUAL LEVY
M&O	300,365,300	0.0016280	488,994.71	90,109.83	\$ 579,104.54
I&S	300,365,300	0.0010225	307,129.53	56,596.50	\$ 363,726.03
			796,124.23	146,706.33	\$ 942,830.56
	NET TAXABLE VALUE	X RATE/\$100	EQUALS	LESS ACTUAL LEVY	2025 LEVY LOSS DUE TO CEILINGS
TOTAL	367,142,994	0.00265052	973,119.85	\$ 942,830.56	30,289.28

FY 25-26						
Fund Title	Estimated Fund Balance 9/30/2025	Total Revenues	Total Expenditures	Total Internal Transfers	Net Inc/(Dec)	Estimated Fund Balance 9/30/2026
General Fund	\$ 1,198,785	\$ 1,146,794	\$ 994,587	\$ (237,207)	(85,000.00)	\$ 1,113,785
Debt Service Fund	59,606	363,726	314,734	-	48,992.08	108,598
Hotel/Motel Fund	457,218	380,100	142,600	(237,500)	-	457,218
Police Fund	18,353	18,000	437,707	419,707	-	18,353
Sewer Fund*	586,524	668,500	518,500	(150,000)	-	586,524
Convention Center Fund*	2,382	127,250	317,750	190,500	-	2,382
Pier / Visitor Center Fund*	102,726	160,085	174,585	14,500	-	102,726
Net Total Primary Government	\$ 2,425,594	\$ 2,864,455	\$ 2,900,463	\$ -	\$ (36,008)	\$ 2,389,586

**TOWN OF FULTON
GENERAL FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

	ACTUAL FY 2023-24	PROJECTED ACTUAL FY 2024-25	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2024-25	DRAFT BUDGET FY 2025-26	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUES						
<u>TAXES</u>						
400 · Ad Valorem Tax	518,610.35	560,858.48	564,887.52	579,104.54	14,217.02	2.52%
405 · Sales Tax	302,294.53	306,519.91	300,000.00	315,000.00	15,000.00	5.00%
410 · Franchise Fees	117,641.84	115,289.00	110,000.00	136,189.30	26,189.30	23.81%
415 · Mixed Beverage Tax	56,590.64	57,017.88	56,750.00	57,000.00	250.00	0.44%
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	995,137.36	1,039,685.27	1,031,637.52	1,087,293.84	55,656.32	5.39%
<u>PERMITS</u>						
420-1 · Building	37,643.94	25,700.94	41,500.00	14,500.00	(27,000.00)	-65.06%
420-2 · Electrical	7,061.74	5,397.00	6,000.00	4,500.00	(1,500.00)	-25.00%
420-3 · Vendor Permits	1,700.00	3,600.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	-50.00%
420-4 · Gas	-	-	500.00	-	(500.00)	-100.00%
420-5 · Mechanical	2,122.50	2,880.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	500.00	20.00%
420-6 · Misc.	500.00	300.00	500.00	500.00	-	0.00%
420-7 · Plumbing	3,096.90	2,438.50	3,500.00	-	(3,500.00)	-100.00%
420-8 · Other Permits	3,088.28	3,773.28	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	0.00%
420-9 · Inspections	2,175.00	-	2,500.00	-	(2,500.00)	100.00%
TOTAL PERMITS	57,388.36	44,089.72	62,000.00	26,000.00	(36,000.00)	-58.06%
<u>OTHER REVENUE</u>						
425 · Interest Income	23,499.44	25,872.72	23,500.00	19,500.00	(4,000.00)	-17.02%
450 · Misc Income	9.30	(1,000.00)	-	-	-	-
460 · Cell Tower Lease	13,536.77	13,942.87	13,500.00	14,000.00	500.00	3.70%
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	37,045.51	38,815.59	37,000.00	33,500.00	(3,500.00)	-9.46%
TOTAL REVENUES	1,089,571.23	1,122,590.58	1,130,637.52	1,146,793.84	16,156.32	1.43%
EXPENDITURES						
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>						
500 · Office Expense	12,604.32	10,503.20	11,000.00	11,000.00	-	0.00%
504 · Office Supplies	4,556.59	10,073.87	11,500.00	11,500.00	-	0.00%
505 · Telephone	6,407.23	8,042.99	9,000.00	9,000.00	-	0.00%
515 · Software & Subscriptions	17,077.84	20,480.71	22,500.00	22,500.00	-	0.00%
520 · Bank Chrgs. & Fees	1,247.48	150.34	300.00	300.00	-	0.00%
525 · Travel Expense	475.40	2,172.81	2,000.00	2,500.00	500.00	25.00%
530 · Education & Training	744.52	735.00	1,500.00	2,500.00	1,000.00	66.67%
565 · Postage	1,925.80	1,291.94	1,750.00	1,750.00	-	0.00%
553 · Internet/Website	6,286.13	6,255.16	6,500.00	6,500.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	51,325.31	59,706.02	66,050.00	67,550.00	1,500.00	2.27%

**TOWN OF FULTON
GENERAL FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

	ACTUAL FY 2023-24	PROJECTED ACTUAL FY 2024-25	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2024-25	DRAFT BUDGET FY 2025-26	\$ Change	% Change
<u>CONTRACTS AND SERVICES</u>						
600 · Appraisal Services	18,978.68	15,818.04	19,519.88	19,519.88	-	0.00%
605 · Tax Collection Service	1,917.46	2,520.00	2,520.00	2,366.68	(153.32)	-6.08%
615 · Insurance	41,270.69	50,148.76	44,200.00	50,000.00	5,800.00	13.12%
620 · Elections	314.50	11,646.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	0.00%
625 · Notices & Filings	1,783.58	478.50	3,500.00	3,500.00	-	0.00%
631 · Audit	41,570.00	32,200.00	32,200.00	32,200.00	-	0.00%
632 · Legal Services	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	-	0.00%
633 · Security	480.00	593.18	4,280.00	4,280.00	-	0.00%
634 · IT	14,618.08	23,441.27	22,000.00	22,000.00	-	0.00%
635 · Engineering & Planning	250.00	2,150.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	0.00%
640 · Rockport Law Enforcement	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	-	(60,000.00)	-100.00%
645 · Juvenile Case Mgmt	6,548.60	7,098.70	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	0.00%
650 · Animal Control	33,000.00	33,000.00	33,000.00	33,000.00	-	0.00%
656 · City/Co Communications	121,643.51	134,980.26	124,000.00	80,168.00	(43,832.00)	-35.35%
657 · Alligence Medical Services	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	-	0.00%
658 · Aransas Co Health Permits	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	0.00%
659 · Permit Inspection Services	2,750.00	2,870.81	4,500.00	4,500.00	-	100.00%
TOTAL CONTRACTS AND SERVICES	436,250.10	459,945.52	476,719.88	378,534.56	(98,185.32)	-20.60%
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>						
535 · Special Events	4,742.22	2,655.64	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	0.00%
550 · Utilities - Water/Sewer	1,748.75	1,923.63	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	0.00%
552 · Utilities - Electricity	3,719.83	4,091.81	3,500.00	4,000.00	500.00	14.29%
557 · Utilities - Electricity	10,880.56	11,315.78	11,500.00	11,500.00	-	0.00%
559 · Fuel	6,600.05	5,954.40	5,500.00	6,000.00	500.00	0.00%
560 · Vehicle Maintenance	767.10	2,656.22	5,000.00	3,500.00	(1,500.00)	0.00%
700 · Repairs & Maintenance	9,785.20	698.39	20,000.00	7,500.00	(12,500.00)	-62.50%
810 · Vol Fire Department	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	48,243.71	39,295.87	61,500.00	48,500.00	(13,000.00)	-21.14%
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>						
705 · Capital Outlay - Equipment	-	9,731.19	20,000.00	-	(20,000.00)	0.00%
710 · Street & Drainage Maint	26,907.69	98,499.81	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	0.00%
705 · Street Signs	5,459.54	5,952.05	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	32,367.23	114,183.05	127,500.00	107,500.00	(20,000.00)	-15.69%

**TOWN OF FULTON
GENERAL FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

	ACTUAL FY 2023-24	PROJECTED ACTUAL FY 2024-25	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2024-25	DRAFT BUDGET FY 2025-26	\$ Change	% Change
<u>PERSONNEL</u>						
900 · Gross Salaries	274,187.11	290,296.56	291,017.81	294,434.55	3,416.74	1.17%
905 · Payroll Tax	21,654.93	22,207.69	22,895.62	23,234.56	338.94	1.48%
910 · Health Insurance	45,735.46	51,861.80	51,869.28	50,810.88	(1,058.40)	-2.04%
925 · TMRS	17,540.74	18,640.09	18,657.20	17,505.93	(1,151.27)	-6.17%
926 · Worker's Comp	2,735.37	3,143.65	4,657.08	5,016.38	359.30	7.72%
930 · Uniforms	1,198.69	2,612.50	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	#DIV/0!
TOTAL PERSONNEL	363,052.30	388,762.29	389,096.99	392,502.31	3,405.32	0.88%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	931,238.65	1,061,892.75	1,120,866.87	994,586.87	(126,280.00)	-11.27%
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>						
740 · Sewer Fund - Transfer In	155,000.00	155,000.00	155,000.00	150,000.00	(5,000.00)	-3.23%
741 · Police Fund - Transfer out	(202,314.10)	(202,270.40)	(202,270.40)	(419,707.00)	(217,436.60)	107.50%
742 · Pier Fund - Transfer In	16,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	10,500.00	5,000.00	90.91%
743 · Hotel/Motel - Transfer In	14,250.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	-	0.00%
744 · Convention Cntr - Transfer In	21,500.00	19,500.00	19,500.00	9,500.00	(10,000.00)	-51.28%
TOTAL	4,935.90	(9,770.40)	(9,770.40)	(237,207.00)	(227,436.60)	2327.81%
FUND BALANCE-BEG OF YEAR	984,589.00	1,147,857.50	1,147,857.50	1,198,784.90		
ALLOCATION OF FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	(85,000.00)		
OVER/(UNDER)	163,268.50	50,927.40	-	-		
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	1,147,857.50	1,198,784.90	1,147,857.50	1,113,784.90		

**TOWN OF FULTON
DEBT SERVICE FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL FY 2023-24	PROJECTED ACTUAL FY 2024-25	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2024-25	DRAFT BUDGET FY 2025-26	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUES						
400 · Property Taxes	372,095.12	312,761.54	316,334.98	363,726.03	47,391.05	14.98%
405 · Interest Income	2,382.36	1,977.55				
TOTAL REVENUE	374,477.48	314,739.09	316,334.98	363,726.03	47,391.05	14.98%
EXPENDITURES						
DEBT SERVICE						
500 · Principal - Bank of America	200,000.00	210,000.00	210,000.00	225,000.00	15,000.00	7.14%
505 · Interest - Bank of America	44,452.69	32,617.89	32,617.89	20,061.45	(12,556.44)	-38.50%
516 · Principal - Truist	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	-	0.00%
517 · Interest - Truist	12,852.50	11,262.51	11,262.50	9,672.50	(1,590.00)	-14%
520 · Bank Fees	247.30	-				
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	317,552.49	313,880.40	313,880.39	314,733.95	853.56	0.27%
FUND BALANCE-BEG OF YEAR	1,821.89	58,746.88	58,746.88	59,605.57		
OVER/(UNDER)	56,924.99	858.69	2,454.59	48,992.08		
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	58,746.88	59,605.57	61,201.47	108,597.65		

**TOWN OF FULTON
POLICE FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL FY 2023-24	PROJECTED ACTUAL FY 2024-25	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2024-25	DRAFT BUDGET FY 2025-26	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUES					-	
<u>FINES & FEES REVENUE</u>						
400 · Fines & Fees	10,050.28	19,546.13	13,500.00	16,500.00	3,000.00	22.22%
415 · Misc. Income	6.00	5.60	-	-	-	0.00%
405 · Interest Income	1,219.26	1,385.66	750.00	-	-	-100.00%
TOTAL FINES AND FEES	11,275.54	20,937.39	14,250.00	16,500.00	2,250.00	15.79%
<u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL</u>						
350 · State Designated Funds	1,545.13	1,567.33	600.00	1,500.00	900.00	60.00%
356 · Restricted Funds	129.58	8,027.57	-	-	-	0.00%
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	1,674.71	9,594.90	600.00	1,500.00	900.00	60.00%
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					-	
<u>COURT</u>						
505 · Court - Office & Postage	824.24	950.00	3,250.00	1,250.00	(2,000.00)	-160.00%
510 · Court - Cost to State	3,486.91	5,724.53	5,400.00	6,000.00	600.00	10.00%
515 · Housing Prisoners	220.00	275.00	750.00	750.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL COURT	4,531.15	6,949.53	9,400.00	8,000.00	(1,400.00)	-17.50%
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>						
610 · Continuing Ed & Seminars	62.00	-	600.00	1,500.00	900.00	60.00%
611 · Computer & Software	5,473.88	7,420.00	8,450.00	8,450.00	-	0.00%
630 · Licenses/Dues/Subscriptions	294.68	200.02	300.00	300.00	-	0.00%
635 · Office & Postage	3,979.81	487.60	3,000.00	1,750.00	(1,250.00)	-71.43%
640 · Telephone	-	2,563.86	2,500.00	3,000.00	500.00	16.67%
650 · Equipment Expense	1,375.14	1,059.87	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	0.00%
655 · Supplies	1,144.16	1,517.39	1,000.00	1,500.00	500.00	33.33%
660 · Travel Expense	20.00	453.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	-	0.00%
665 · Vehicle Exp - Fuel	7,628.06	6,945.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.00%
670 · Vehicle Repairs & Maint	3,681.04	2,100.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	-	0.00%
706 · Crime Prevention - N Watch	38.96	405.60	500.00	-	(500.00)	100.00%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	23,697.73	23,152.34	27,600.00	27,750.00	150.00	0.54%
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>						
900 · Capital Outlay - Equipment	1,913.26	4,863.50	5,000.00	30,000.00	25,000.00	100.00%
901 · Capital Outlay - Vehicles	-	-	-	55,000.00	55,000.00	100.00%
902 · Capital Outlay - Software	-	5,536.26	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,913.26	10,399.76	5,000.00	85,000.00	80,000.00	100.00%

**TOWN OF FULTON
POLICE FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL FY 2023-24	PROJECTED ACTUAL FY 2024-25	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2024-25	DRAFT BUDGET FY 2025-26	\$ Change	% Change
<u>PERSONNEL</u>					-	
800 · Salaries	121,897.12	124,738.74	123,730.00	221,358.60	97,628.60	78.90%
805 · Payroll Taxes	9,138.22	9,542.51	9,691.35	17,385.93	7,694.58	79.40%
810 · Health Insurance	25,274.90	25,401.60	25,405.44	50,810.88	25,405.44	100.00%
815 · TMRS	8,905.27	8,868.92	8,985.89	14,919.57	5,933.68	66.03%
816 · Worker's Comp	3,829.68	3,560.04	6,557.69	11,732.01	5,174.32	78.90%
817 · Uniforms	4,944.79	1,836.17	750.00	750.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	173,989.98	173,947.99	175,120.37	316,956.99	141,836.62	44.75%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	204,132.12	214,449.62	217,120.37	437,706.99	220,586.62	101.60%
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>						
420 · General Fund - Transfer In	202,314.10	202,270.40	202,270.40	419,707.00	217,436.60	107.50%
OVER/(UNDER)	11,132.20	18,353.10	-	-		

**TOWN OF FULTON
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL FY 2023-24	PROJECTED ACTUAL FY 2024-25	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2024-25	DRAFT BUDGET FY 2025-26	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUES						
400 · Hotel Occupancy Taxes	379,717.79	369,939.00	390,000.00	375,000.00	(15,000.00)	-3.85%
405 · Interest Income	12,455.99	8,719.49	6,500.00	5,100.00	(1,400.00)	-21.54%
TOTAL REVENUE	392,173.78	378,658.49	396,500.00	380,100.00	(16,400.00)	-4.14%
EXPENDITURES						
525 · Bank Charges	92.20	-	300.00	100.00	(200.00)	-66.67%
520 · Advertising & Promotion	28,140.00	26,780.00	50,000.00	30,000.00	(20,000.00)	-40.00%
516 · Parks Maintenance	10,681.99	8,011.57	10,000.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	-50.00%
600 · R-F Chamber of Commerce	50,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	-	0.00%
605 · Maritime Museum	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	-50.00%
658 · ACTS Aviation	-	-	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.00%
659 · City of Rockport CVB	-	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.00%
615 · Fulton Mansion	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.00%
620 · Oysterfest	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	-	0.00%
625 · AC Council on Aging	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	0.00%
655 · Fulton Schoolhouse Museum	21,311.94	15,297.35	15,000.00	20,000.00	5,000.00	33.33%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	155,226.13	132,588.92	157,800.00	142,600.00	(15,200.00)	-9.63%
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
650 · Convention Center - Transfer Out	(200,000.00)	(195,000.00)	(195,000.00)	(200,000.00)	(5,000.00)	2.56%
660 · General Fund - Transfer Out	(14,250.00)	(12,500.00)	(12,500.00)	(12,500.00)	-	0.00%
662 · Visitor Cntr/Pier Fund - Transfer Out	-	(30,000.00)	(30,000.00)	(25,000.00)	5,000.00	-16.67%
TOTAL	(214,250.00)	(237,500.00)	(237,500.00)	(237,500.00)	5,000.00	0.00%
FUND BALANCE-BEG OF YEAR	425,951.00	448,648.65	448,648.65	457,218.22		
OVER/(UNDER)	22,697.65	8,569.57	1,200.00	-		
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	448,648.65	457,218.22	449,848.65	457,218.22		

**TOWN OF FULTON
SEWER FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL FY 2023-24	PROJECTED ACTUAL FY 2024-25	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2024-25	DRAFT BUDGET FY 2025-26	\$ Change	% Change
<u>REVENUES</u>						
400 · Sewer Revenues	661,705.85	641,480.11	667,500.00	655,500.00	(12,000.00)	-1.80%
405 · Sewer Tap Fees	8,900.00	250.00	6,500.00	500.00	(6,000.00)	-92.31%
415 · Interest Income	22,555.65	19,258.51	15,000.00	12,500.00	(2,500.00)	-16.67%
TOTAL REVENUES	693,161.50	660,988.62	689,000.00	668,500.00	(20,500.00)	-2.98%
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>						
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>						
510 · Telephone	1,902.56	2,880.08	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	0.00%
525 · Dues & Subscriptions	160.00	100.00	150.00	150.00	-	0.00%
540 · Bank Charges		-	200.00	200.00	-	0.00%
545 · Training / Seminars	395.00	495.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	0.00%
546 · Travel Expense	981.64	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	3,439.20	3,475.08	5,350.00	5,350.00	-	0.00%
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>						
505 · Utilities	14,360.90	15,449.71	15,000.00	16,000.00	1,000.00	6.67%
515 · Supplies	11,539.42	8,599.95	11,500.00	11,500.00	-	0.00%
519 · Tractor Expenses	1,011.62	2,691.05	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	0.00%
520 · Vehicle Exp	2,063.05	4,594.84	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.00%
521 · Fuel	7,497.45	6,843.55	7,500.00	6,500.00	(1,000.00)	-13.33%
600 · Wasterwater Treatment	177,579.07	168,700.12	185,000.00	185,000.00	-	0.00%
618 · Preventive Maint	1,951.15	4,547.88	12,500.00	10,000.00	(2,500.00)	-20.00%
620 · Repairs & Maint.	41,327.25	12,924.56	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	0.00%
621 · AC Transfer Station	1,606.60	1,492.20	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL OPERATING	258,936.51	225,843.86	265,000.00	262,500.00	(2,500.00)	-0.95%
<u>PERSONNEL</u>						
700 · Wages	129,993.12	125,419.20	127,063.84	129,967.83	2,903.99	2.29%
705 · Payroll Tax	9,697.74	9,594.57	9,920.04	10,142.02	221.98	2.24%
710 · Health Insurance	25,383.36	25,401.60	25,405.44	25,405.44	-	0.00%
711 · TMRS	9,451.33	8,917.31	9,203.00	8,736.47	(466.53)	-5.07%
816 · Worker's Comp	3,748.61	3,498.72	6,557.73	5,898.25	(659.48)	-10.06%
547 · Uniforms	4,044.19	3,323.24	5,500.00	5,500.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	182,318.35	176,154.63	183,650.05	185,650.02	2,000.00	1.09%
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>						
594 · Capital Outlay - Vehicles	47,047.16			-	-	0.00%
596 · Capital Outlay - Equipment		8,281.20		-	-	0.00%
595 · Capital Outlay - Sewer System	17,638.32	3,590.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	64,685.48	11,871.20	65,000.00	65,000.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	509,379.54	417,344.77	519,000.05	518,500.02	(500.03)	-0.10%

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SEWER FUND
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<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>						
500 · GF Transfer Out - Admin	(155,000.00)	(155,000.00)	(155,000.00)	(150,000.00)	5,000.00	-3.23%
501 · FCC Transfer Out - Maint	-	(15,000.00)	(15,000.00)	-	15,000.00	-100.00%
501 · Surplus Property Proceeds		-	-		-	0.00%
TOTAL	(155,000.00)	(170,000.00)	(170,000.00)	(150,000.00)	20,000.00	-11.76%
FUND BALANCE-BEG OF YEAR	484,098.00	512,879.96	512,879.96	586,523.81		
OVER/(UNDER)	28,781.96	73,643.85	-	-		
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	512,879.96	586,523.81	512,879.96	586,523.81		

**TOWN OF FULTON
CONVENTION CENTER FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL	PROJECTED ACTUAL	ADOPTED BUDGET	DRAFT BUDGET	\$ Change	% Change
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26		
<u>REVENUES</u>						
400 · Facility Fees	118,223.32	127,300.00	122,500.00	124,500.00	2,000.00	1.63%
405 · Interest Income	8,051.06	6,476.97	5,750.00	2,750.00	(3,000.00)	-52.17%
TOTAL REVENUES	126,274.38	133,776.97	128,250.00	127,250.00	(1,000.00)	-0.78%
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>						
500 · Utilities	18,678.85	19,986.37	19,500.00	20,000.00	500.00	2.56%
503 · ACND Lease	38,445.67	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	-	0.00%
505 · Telephone	657.22	639.26	650.00	650.00	-	0.00%
506 · Internet	2,855.09	2,591.06	3,600.00	2,750.00	(850.00)	-23.61%
507 · Insurance	45,963.28	46,329.76	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	0.00%
510 · Office Expense	210.09	324.75	1,000.00	500.00	(500.00)	-50.00%
511 · Supplies	5,363.75	4,546.76	6,000.00	5,000.00	(1,000.00)	-16.67%
515 · Repairs & Maint.	11,496.59	12,174.77	12,500.00	15,000.00	2,500.00	20.00%
516 · Janitorial Services	19,850.00	21,250.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	0.00%
520 · Trash Removal	23,289.68	28,599.53	24,500.00	25,200.00	700.00	2.86%
526 · Ice Machine Lease	2,179.02	2,281.14	2,200.00	2,300.00	100.00	4.55%
531 · Dues & Subcriptions	265.00	-	750.00	750.00	-	0.00%
535 · Special Events	7,257.76	2,735.38	8,000.00	5,000.00	(3,000.00)	-37.50%
536 · FCC Advertising	534.39	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL OPERATING	177,046.39	183,458.78	193,200.00	191,650.00	(1,550.00)	-0.80%
<u>PERSONNEL</u>						
600 - Wages	68,128.76	82,685.55	88,787.56	89,645.27	857.71	0.97%
610 - Health Insurance	12,691.68	24,343.20	23,288.32	23,288.32	-	0.00%
611 - TMRS	4,957.56	5,878.94	6,451.92	6,061.06	(390.86)	-6.06%
615 - Payroll Tax	5,079.76	6,325.44	7,022.17	7,105.39	83.22	1.19%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	90,857.76	119,233.14	125,549.97	126,100.04	550.07	0.44%
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>						
155 - Building Improvements	17,959.16	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	17,959.16	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	285,863.31	302,691.92	318,749.97	317,750.04	(999.93)	-0.31%
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>						
900 · Hotel/Motel - Transfer In	200,000.00	195,000.00	195,000.00	200,000.00	5,000.00	2.56%
915 · SF Maint - Transfer In		15,000.00	15,000.00	-	(15,000.00)	-100.00%
910 · General Fund - Transfer Out	(21,500.00)	(19,500.00)	(19,500.00)	(9,500.00)	10,000.00	-51.28%
	178,500.00	190,500.00	190,500.00	190,500.00	-	0.00%
FUND BALANCE-BEG OF YEAR	(38,114.00)	(19,202.93)	(19,202.93)	2,382.12		
OVER/(UNDER)	18,911.07	21,585.05	0.03	-		
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	(19,202.93)	2,382.12	(19,202.90)	2,382.12		

**TOWN OF FULTON
PIER / VISITOR CENTER FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL	PROJECTED ACTUAL	ADOPTED BUDGET	DRAFT BUDGET		
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUES						
400 · Pole Fees & Sales	127,318.70	169,788.94	136,500.00	165,712.69	29,212.69	21.40%
406 · Cost of Sales	(4,586.16)	(5,550.58)	(4,675.00)	(8,127.54)	(3,452.54)	73.85%
415 · Interest Income	3,982.67	3,095.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	126,715.21	167,333.36	134,325.00	160,085.15	25,760.15	19.18%
EXPENDITURES						
OPERATING						
500 · ACND - Sub.Land Lease	-	-	300.00	300.00	-	0.00%
505 · Utilities	8,378.23	7,668.07	8,500.00	8,500.00	-	0.00%
602 · Supplies	1,166.13	911.90	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	0.00%
601 · Repairs & Maint.	928.11	20,961.46	25,000.00	30,000.00	5,000.00	20.00%
520 · Bank Charges	-	-	75.00	75.00	-	0.00%
525 · Software, Licenses & Fees	2,873.07	5,031.26	2,750.00	2,750.00	-	0.00%
603 · Portable Rental	4,850.00	6,600.00	4,800.00	7,200.00	2,400.00	50.00%
606 · Visitor Center	-	943.99	3,500.00	3,500.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL OPERATING	18,195.54	42,116.68	45,925.00	53,325.00	7,400.00	16.11%
PERSONNEL						
615 - Wages	76,024.31	80,824.77	84,763.51	92,335.73	7,572.22	8.93%
616 - Payroll Tax	5,675.28	6,183.09	6,936.41	7,595.08	658.67	9.50%
617 - TMRS	5,535.01	5,746.64	6,155.95	6,193.83	37.88	0.62%
618 - Health Insurance	12,691.68	12,700.80	12,702.72	12,702.72	-	0.00%
619 - Workers Comp	1,934.39	3,412.01	2,341.42	2,432.79	91.37	3.90%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	101,860.67	108,867.32	112,900.01	121,260.16	8,360.15	7.40%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	120,056.21	150,984.00	158,825.01	174,585.16	15,760.15	9.92%
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
700 · GF Transfer Out	(16,500.00)	(5,500.00)	(5,500.00)	(10,500.00)	(5,000.00)	90.91%
701 · H/M Transfer In	-	30,000.00	30,000.00	25,000.00	(5,000.00)	-16.67%
TOTAL	(16,500.00)	24,500.00	24,500.00	14,500.00	(10,000.00)	-40.82%
FUND BALANCE-BEG OF YEAR	71,718.00	61,877.00	61,877.00	102,726.36		
OVER/(UNDER)	(9,841.00)	40,849.36	-	-		
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	61,877.00	102,726.36	61,877.00	102,726.36		



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 03, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Kelli Cole
Mayor Pro Tem Robert Loflin
Place 2 Chris Garis Place
Place 3 MaryAnn Pahmiyer
Place 4 Margo Nielsen
Place 5 Laura McCorkle

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Robert Brake, Sargeant
Jessica Dougherty, Officer
Steven Robertson, Comptroller

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – U.S. Flag and Texas Flag

Mayor Cole led everyone in the pledges.

OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAAYER

Mayor Cole led everyone in a moment of silence.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (PUBLIC FORUM)

Public participation is valued and at this time, comments limited to three (3) minutes will be taken from persons who have signed the Speaker's Card located on the table inside the Council Chambers and delivered to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Written comments received by submission to the City Secretary in person or emailed to citysec@fultontexas.org by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any subject matter that is not on the agenda, will be read and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council and who have registered using the Speaker's Card will have up to three (3) minutes to speak. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. While civil public criticism is not prohibited; disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace as prohibited by law shall be cause for the chair to terminate the offender's time to speak.

Mr. Gwosdz introduced himself and reminded the Council that he will be presenting at the TML conference in Fort Worth, Texas. He invited the Council to the dinner they will hold at the TML conference.

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- 1. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 20, 2025.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. Second presentation and general discussion of Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) fund request from the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center.

Mayor Cole read the item. Shelly Stuart and Diana Pardue re-introduced themselves. Mrs. Stuart reminded the Council they are asking for \$35,000, provided a breakdown of their costs, and indicated that \$20,000 for administration and \$15,000 for marketing. She briefly discussed the marketing that they have done in the past for the Town and Oysterfest. Mrs. Stuart noted the presentation provided that explains the difference between the Visitor Center and the VCB. Mrs. Pardue informed the Council that when visitors call or come into the Visitor Center, they are sure to promote Fulton as well as Rockport. The Visitor Center is now open on Saturdays. Mayor Cole noted they did a lot of marketing for Oysterfest. Mrs. Stuart reviewed the addendum that she submitted and noted the history wall needs to be expanded. The wall would include features of Fulton and Oysterfest.

3. Second presentation and general discussion of Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) fund request from the Visit Rockport Fulton Convention & Visitor Bureau.

Mayor Cole read the item. Jatin Bhakta and Craig Griffin introduced themselves and Mr. Griffin gave an overview of the expectations of the CVB. He noted it is for the entire County. Their job is to bring people to the County and promote events taking place in the towns. Mr. Bhakta also stated he feels it makes sense to combine it all. They are in the beginning of the establishment of the CVB; however, they feel it will be successful in marking the entire County. Mayor Cole had questions regarding some of the ads. Mr. Bhakta addressed her questions. Mr. Bhakta mentioned they will be including the Fulton Pier in the marketing. Steven Robertson, Comptroller, noted that the application was not completed as to how the funds would be spent, i.e. all marketing. Mr. Bhakta confirmed it will all be used for marketing.

PROCLAMATION

4. Proclamation in recognition of Larry Pahmiyer.

Mayor Cole read the proclamation honoring Larry Pahmiyer for his services through the years. Mr. Pahmiyer was surprised by the recognition and thanked everyone. There were members of the Fulton Volunteer Fire Department, and other community members in attendance. Cody Morales, Fire Chief, also honored Mr. Pahmiyer with a certificate from the fire department.

CLOSED SESSION

The Town Council may elect to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Government Code on any Agenda item where appropriate and particularly Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney) and 551.074 (personnel matters), Government Code.

Council did not convene into Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove any and all action necessary with regard to the preceding matter(s).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole shared that the work on Fulton Beach Road is complete. She noted that the surveying for the GLO project is close to being completed. Bob Dupnik, Commissioner also gave a brief update on the surveying. Mayor Cole informed the Council that the Town will have to have repairs done at the Fulton Convention Center air conditioning system.

Officer Brake introduced Jessica Dougherty to the Council.

6. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 17, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Cole announced the date and time of the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cole entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 327

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TAX RATE AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

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 4.81 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$2.01.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a tax rate of **\$0.265052** on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation is hereby adopted for the tax year 2025-2026.

SECTION 2. That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the Town of Fulton for the 2026-2026 fiscal year, upon all property, real, within the corporate of said Town, subject to taxation, a tax **\$0.265052** on each hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purpose here set forth:

1. For maintenance and support of the general government General Fund (M&O) **\$0.162800** on each \$100.00 valuation of property.
2. For interest and sinking fund for Debt Service (I&S) **\$0.102252** on each \$100.00 valuation of property.

SECTION 3. That taxes levied under this Ordinance shall be due October 1, 2025 and if not paid on or before January 31, 2026, shall immediately become delinquent.

SECTION 4. All taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the Aransas County Assessor and Collector, as representative for the Town of Fulton, is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and Ordinances for the Town of Fulton and shall by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, or the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest and the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned to the General Fund of the Town of Fulton. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate prescribed by state law.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED this the 22nd day of September 2025, at a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fulton, Texas, there being a quorum present, by ___ Yeas and ___ Nays and approved by the Mayor on the date set out.

TOWN OF FULTON

Kelli Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 328

ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF FULTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FULTON, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the budget appended here as Exhibit A, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, was duly presented to the Town Council by the Mayor and said notice was published in the official newspaper now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FULTON TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the appropriation for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, for the support of the general government of the Town of Fulton, Texas, be fixed and determined for said terms in accordance with the expenditures shown in the Town's fiscal year 2025-2026 budget, a copy of which is appended hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. That the budget, as shown in words and figures in Exhibit A, is hereby approved in all respects and adopted as the Town's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026.

PASSED this the 22nd day of September 2025, at a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fulton, Texas, there being a quorum present, by ___Yeas and ___Nays, and approved by the Mayor on the date set out.

TOWN OF FULTON

Kelli Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 329

**AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF CHIEF’S WORK PERIOD AND POLICE OFFICERS’
HOURS AND WORK PERIOD; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Fulton has promulgated its Personnel Policy for all its employees; and

WHEREAS, said Personnel Policy requires a revision to the Chief of Police’s work period and police officers’ hours and work period; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Council to make revisions for the Chief of Police’s work period and the police officers’ hours and work period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FULTON:

Section 1. That the Town of Fulton Personnel Policy be amended by adding the following to Compensation, Chapter 5 thereof:

OVERTIME PAY OR COMPENSATORY TIME FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT – EXEMPT AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

- The Police Chief is classified as “exempt” under the FLSA.
- Exempt Police Officers earn compensatory time for hours worked that are in excess of 80 in a work period. Work Period being defined as 80 hours beginning **Sunday, 12:00:01 a.m. to Saturday, 11:59:59 p.m.**, fourteen (14) days later. Compensatory time for exempt Police Officers is earned at one and one-half times.
- Exempt Police Officers may not accrue more than 40 hours of compensatory time. Exempt Police Officers are paid for unused, accrued compensatory time, subject to the 40-hour limit, when their employment with the Town ends.

OVERTIME PAY OR COMPENSATORY TIME FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT – NON-EXEMPT OFFICERS

- Nonexempt Police Officers are eligible to receive one and one-half times their regular hourly rate in overtime pay or compensatory time credited at the rate of one and one-half times for hours worked over **84** hours in a work period. Work Period being defined as **84** hours beginning **Sunday, 12:00:01 a.m. to Saturday, 11:59:59 p.m.**, fourteen (14) days later. Some officers may work flexible schedules during this fourteen (14) day work period as assigned by the Police Chief. The Police Officer has the option prior to accepting the work assignment to refuse compensatory time off and elect to be paid overtime pay.
- Nonexempt Police Officers may not accrue more than 40 hours of compensatory time. If a nonexempt Police Officer works overtime hours that

cause them to exceed the 40-hour compensatory time limit, all hours over 40 hours must be paid as overtime at the rate of one-and- one-half times the Police Officer's regular rate of pay. For example, if a nonexempt Police Officer works 88 hours in a work period, four of those hours are "overtime" hours. If these hours are to be compensated with compensatory time, six hours would be added to the Police Officer's compensatory leave balance.

- If the 40-hour limit is exceeded by the additional compensatory time, all compensatory time hours over 40 hours are paid at the Police Officer's straight time rate (the four overtime hours have already been converted to six hours of compensatory time).
- Generally, leave time used does not count as hours worked for the basis of calculating overtime eligibility. An exception to this rule is holiday leave which counts as hours worked. Only those hours actually worked or treated under Town policy labor in excess of 80 hours are compensated at the one-and-one-half overtime rate (either in pay or compensatory time).
- Nonexempt Police Officers whose employment with the Town is terminated for any reason are paid for all accrued compensatory time.
- If a nonexempt Police Officer moves to an appointed Police Officer position, any unused compensatory time accumulated while the Police Officer was nonexempt will not be paid out at the nonexempt rate at the time of the change in position move.
- As a governmental entity, the Town can use compensatory time by a governmental employer to control overtime cost by allowing Police Officers to earn compensatory time during heavy work periods and then to use the compensatory time when the workload permits it. State law allows a police officer to use compensatory time only when both the police officer and the Town agree the time may be used.

A supervisor may request a Police Officer to:

- Use accrued compensatory time, when appropriate, to reduce future overtime costs.
- Use compensatory time to be off for either partial or full days.
- Use compensatory time instead of vacation leave when requesting time off work.
- If a Police Officer has an annual vacation use or lose requirement and already used the required number of vacation leave hours in a year to avoid losing vacation leave, asking the Police Officer to use compensatory time rather than vacation leave is appropriate.

Section 2. Any previously adopted ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation or policy in conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Section 3. If any provision, section, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is, for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting this

Ordinance that no portion hereof, or provisions or regulations contained herein, shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable for that purpose.

Section 4. This Ordinance is effective from and upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 22nd day of September, 2025.

TOWN OF FULTON

Kellie Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary