

TOWN OF LAKEWOOD VILLAGE

ORDINANCE NO. 25-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, TEXAS ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND TERMINATING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT PROJECT AND ACCOUNT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Lakewood Village, Texas (the “Town”) has caused to be filed with the Town Secretary a budget to cover all proposed expenditures of the government of the Town for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and terminating September 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the said budget shows as definitely as possible each of the various projects for which appropriations are set in the budget, and the estimated amount of money carried in the budget for each of such projects, and

WHEREAS, said budget has been filed with the Town Secretary and available for inspection by any taxpayer, and

WHEREAS, public notice of a public hearing on the proposed annual budget, stating the date, time, place, and subject matter of said hearing, was given as required by laws of the State of Texas, and

WHEREAS, such public hearing was held on July 10, 2025 and August 14, 2025 prior to the approval and ratification by the Town Council, and all those wishing to speak on the budget were heard, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has studied said budget and listened to the comments of the taxpayers at the public hearing held therefore and has determined that the budget attached hereto is in the best interest of the Town of Lakewood Village.

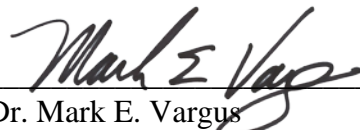
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, TEXAS:

1. That the budget attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein for all purposes is adopted for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026; and such purposes, respectively such sums of money for such projects, operations, activities, purchases and other expenditures as proposed in the attached budget.
2. That no expenditures of the funds of the Town shall hereafter be made except in compliance with such budget, except in case of grave necessity, emergency expenditures to meet unusual or unforeseen conditions, which could not, by reasonable, diligent thought and

attention, have included in the original budget, may from time to time be authorized by the Town Council as amendments to the original budget.


3. That the Mayor shall file or cause to be filed a true and correct copy of said budget, along with this ordinance with the Town Secretary.
4. The necessity of adopting and approving a proposed budget for the next fiscal year as required by the laws of the State of Texas, require that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is accordingly so ordained.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, TEXAS, on this 14th day of August 2025.



Dr. Mark E. Vargus
Mayor

ATTESTED:



Linda Ruth, TRMC, MMC
Town Administrator/Town Secretary





**TOWN OF LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, TEXAS
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
ANNUAL BUDGET**

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last years budget by \$26,516 or 3.6 percent. Of this \$14,098 (53% of the total increase) is from new property added to the tax role this year. The debt servicing (I&S) **decrease** is \$191,484 or -100 percent. The maintenance and operations increase is \$218,000 or 41 percent.

Debt obligations were decreased by a net of \$340,000 in the prior year and now total \$8,850,000. The 2020 CO debt was reduced by \$200,000. The 2022 CO debt was reduced by \$140,000. Scheduled principal and interest payments in 2026 will be \$648,688. Of this amount, debt servicing will pay \$0 and other funds of \$648,688 will pay the remainder.

RECORD OF VOTE ON PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF BUDGET

POSITION	NAME	FOR	AGAINST	PRESENT and not voting	ABSENT
Mayor	Dr. Mark E. Vargus			X	
Mayor Pro-Tem	Eric Farage	X			
Council Member #2	Nikki Blackwell	X			
Council Member #3	Matt Bissonnette	X			
Council Member #4	Serena Lepley	X			
Council Member #5	Clint Bushong	X			

PROPERTY TAX RATE COMPARISON (Rates expressed per \$100 of value)

TAX RATE	TAX YEAR 2025	TAX YEAR 2026
Property Tax Rate	\$0.340000	\$0.320000
No New Revenue (NNR) Rate	\$0.331289	\$0.318729
Voter Approval Rate (VAR)	\$0.328113	\$0.242448
De Minimus Tax Rate	\$0.601538	\$0.491541
Unused Increment Rate – 2023	\$0.000000	\$0.000000
Debt Rate	\$0.307500	\$0.333800
Debt Rate Adopted	\$0.090000	\$0.000000

DEBT RATE BREAKDOWN/\$100	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2020 Certificates of Obligation	\$0.1055	\$0.0693
2022 Certificates of Obligation	\$0.0746	\$0.0844

2025-2026 Operating Budget

<i>General Fund</i>						
REVENUES	2026 Budget	2026 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 13-Aug	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
Property Taxes	\$750,000	\$0	\$537,000	\$524,874	\$475,000	\$465,341
Capital Fee	\$390,000	\$0	\$130,000	\$208,000		
Franchise Fees	\$90,000	\$0	\$70,000	\$75,668	\$80,000	\$52,227
Sales Taxes	\$360,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$260,989	\$100,000	\$232,117
Fines & Forfeitures	\$1,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$1,024	\$3,000	\$700
Licenses & Permits	\$538,000	\$0	\$629,000	\$574,143	\$464,200	\$686,022
Fees & Service Charges	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$2,200	\$2,300	\$6,675
Miscellaneous	\$21,000	\$0	\$21,000	\$24,097	\$13,000	\$32,869
PID Amin Fees	\$23,000		\$22,000	\$23,040	\$22,000	\$22,100
Equip Cost Recovery	\$20,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$800	\$40,000	\$40,958
TOTAL	\$2,196,000	\$0	\$1,755,000	\$1,694,835	\$1,199,500	\$1,539,009
EXPENDITURES	2026 Budget	2026 YTD	2025 Budget	2025 13-Aug	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
General Government	\$247,000	\$0	\$218,000	\$251,603	\$207,000	\$263,980
Public Safety	\$120,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$62,200	\$60,000	\$46,375
Public Works	\$330,000	\$0	\$368,000	\$453,394	\$268,000	\$397,525
TOTAL	\$697,000	\$0	\$666,000	\$767,197	\$535,000	\$707,880
OPERATING SURPLUS	\$1,499,000	\$0	\$1,089,000	\$927,638	\$664,500	\$831,129
NON OPERATING	2026 Budget	2026 YTD	2025 Budget	2025 13-Aug	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
Interest Revenue	\$180,000	\$0	\$130,000	\$137,256	\$160,000	\$156,142
Capital Outlay Expenditure	\$0	\$0	(\$97,000)	(\$219,280)	\$0	(\$16,815)
Asset Sale						
Developer Agreement					\$0	\$0
Reimbursements	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$26,483
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	\$180,000	\$0	\$33,000	(\$82,024)	\$160,000	\$165,810
TRANSFERS	2026 Budget	2026 YTD	2025 Budget	2025 13-Aug	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
In: Admin Fee	\$130,000	\$0	\$130,000	\$97,500	\$90,000	\$70,000
Out: Debt Servicing from M&C	(\$337,000)		(\$144,175)	(\$154,000)	\$0	\$0
In: UF Debt Servicing					\$112,426	\$59,452
TOTAL TRANSFERS	(\$207,000)	\$0	(\$14,175)	(\$56,500)	\$202,426	\$129,452
NET CASH FLOW	\$1,472,000	\$0	\$1,107,825	\$789,114	\$1,026,926	\$1,126,391
	\$580,000			\$434,157		
	\$367,000			\$313,803		

2025-2026 Budget

<i>Utility Fund</i>						
REVENUES	2026 Budget	2026 YTD	2025 Budget	2025 13-Aug	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
Water	\$470,000	\$0	\$470,000	\$319,892	\$350,000	\$308,258
Sewer	\$260,000	\$0	\$240,000	\$178,708	\$170,000	\$177,241
Sanitation	\$130,000	\$0	\$120,000	\$94,388	\$100,000	\$95,514
Fees and Services	\$551,000	\$0	\$551,000	\$421,969	\$420,000	\$482,389
Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,778	\$0	\$141,141
TOTAL	\$1,411,000	\$0	\$1,381,000	\$1,039,735	\$1,040,000	\$1,204,543
EXPENDITURES	2026 Budget	2026 YTD	2025 Budget	2025 13-Aug	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
Contract Services	\$230,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$62,500	\$48,000	\$96,500
Administrative	\$200,000	\$0	\$137,000	\$134,303	\$100,000	\$119,279
Repairs and Maintenance	\$100,000	\$0	\$96,000	\$155,745	\$36,000	\$130,557
Miscellaneous	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$1,769	\$2,000	\$3,178
Garbage Collections	\$100,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$56,359	\$80,000	\$67,749
TOTAL	\$632,000	\$0	\$375,000	\$410,676	\$266,000	\$417,263
OPERATING SURPLUS	\$779,000	\$0	\$1,006,000	\$629,059	\$774,000	\$787,280
NON OPERATING	2026 Budget	2026 YTD	2025 Budget	2025 13-Aug	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
Interest Revenue	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$49,760	\$36,000	\$52,235
Capital Outlay Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$120,000	\$215,334	\$0	\$72,190
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	\$75,000	\$0	(\$45,000)	(\$165,574)	\$36,000	(\$19,955)
TRANSFERS						
Out: GF I&S					(\$112,426)	(\$112,426)
Out: Admin Fee	(\$120,000)	\$0	(\$120,000)	(\$90,000)	(\$80,000)	(\$60,000)
TOTAL TRANSFERS	(\$120,000)	\$0	(\$120,000)	(\$90,000)	(\$192,426)	(\$172,426)
I&S From GF					\$112,426	\$112,846
I&S From Bond Fund	\$0	\$0	\$198,113	\$111,806	\$86,806	\$0
Debt Servicing (Principle)	(\$145,000)	\$0	(\$140,000)	(\$140,000)	\$0	\$0
Debt Servicing (Interest)	(\$164,113)	\$0	(\$169,813)	(\$169,813)	\$0	(\$172,950)
DEBT SERVICE	(\$309,113)	\$0	(\$111,700)	(\$198,007)	\$199,232	(\$60,104)
NET CASH FLOW	\$424,887	\$0	\$729,300	\$175,478	\$816,806	\$534,795

2025-2026 Budget

<i>DEBT SERVICING FUND</i>						
	2026		2025		2024	
	Budget	2026 YTD	Budget	2025 13-Aug	Budget	2024 Actual
Beginning Balance	\$2,500		\$3,000	\$2,326	\$0	\$4,565
I&S Property Taxes	\$0		\$194,000	\$187,948	\$209,000	\$207,000
Interest Revenues	\$75		\$2,500	\$1,665	\$2,050	\$2,246
General Fund Transfer	\$337,000		\$144,175	\$154,000	\$14,500	\$17,000
CO 2020 Debt Service (Interest)	(\$134,575)		(\$143,675)	(\$143,675)	(\$150,550)	(\$150,990)
CO 2020 Debt Service (Principal)	(\$205,000)		(\$200,000)	(\$200,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,264	\$0	\$2,574

Delinquent = \$2,581