

# FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

In September, the Cedar Hill City Council will consider the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The budget supports the essential city services that our citizens and customers rely on every day while reducing the property tax rate by one cent to \$0.63 per \$100 assessed value, or about \$5 per day for the average Cedar Hill single-family home.

The budget also advances the City Council's strategic priorities: Public Safety; Bond Implementation; Planning & Development; Communications; and Community Engagement and Neighborhood Revitalization.

These priorities are the result of extensive and on-going community engagement as expressed through Cedar Hill's integrated network of strategic plans, community surveys, neighborhood walks, and citizen committees.



## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Cedar Hill is the safest city in our region because of the City Council's long-term investment in Public Safety. The proposed budget builds on that investment to attract and retain quality personnel and to provide them with the equipment they need. The proposed budget includes \$391,745 for replacement of police vehicles, \$440,000 for replacement of an ambulance, and \$1.1M for replacement of a fire engine.



## **BOND IMPLEMENTATION**

This spring, the community celebrated the grand opening of the new Library, Museum, Signature Park & Trail. More than 40,000 patrons have visited the facility since it opened its doors in April. This premier facility has transformed the delivery of library services in our community and offers a one-of-a-kind park and trail experience. The proposed budget includes \$1.1M for the full-year cost to operate and maintain the new facilities.



## **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

The City Council adopted Cedar Hill Next, the City's the award-winning comprehensive plan, in 2022. The first step to implement the comprehensive plan is to update the City's zoning and subdivision regulations to align with the vision and policies detailed in the plan. To that end, the proposed budget carries forward funding to begin the process of updating and consolidating the City's development code.



## **COMMUNICATION**

This year the City completed a branding initiative and tourism strategic plan that will unify and enhance our messaging for economic development and tourism efforts and chart a path to establish Cedar Hill as a destination for visitors. The proposed budget funding for the implementation of these plans.

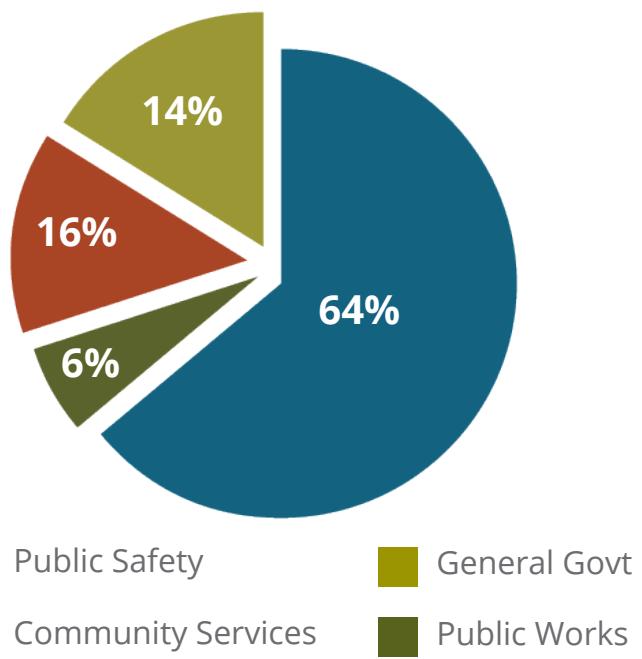


## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Cedar Hill is an engaged community, and the proposed budget continues to fund the City Council's signature engagement programs like the Citizens Leadership Academy, Mayor's Teen Council, Distinctive Character Recognition, Premier Neighborhood Awards, Neighborhood Walks, and so many more. The proposed budget also allocates \$60,000 to continue the senior transportation program through STAR Transit and funding for the free senior lunch program.

# VALUE FOR YOUR TAX DOLLAR

## Where Do Your Property Tax Dollars Go?



**\$5.37**  
PER DAY

PROPERTY TAX FOR AVERAGE HOME IN CEDAR HILL

The City of Cedar Hill's FY2025 budget reduces the property tax rate to \$0.636455. The average homeowner in Cedar Hill will pay \$163 per month or \$5.37 per day for city services, including 24-hour police response, fire protection, and emergency medical services; an extensive park and trail network; a world-class public library, and 300 miles of paved streets and sidewalks.

## HOW DO WE COMPARE?

The City of Cedar Hill has consistently maintained a competitive tax rate compared to other cities in the area. Since 2021, the City's tax rate has dropped six cents to \$0.636455 per \$100 valuation. Cedar Hill was ranked among the leanest local governments in North Texas by the *Dallas Business Journal*, which analyzed the number of government employees relative to cities' populations. The City Council's lean approach and resilient tax rate policy is one reason the City of Cedar Hill is able to provide high-quality municipal services and facilities at a competitive tax rate.

| City          | Population | Proposed Tax Rate |
|---------------|------------|-------------------|
| Lancaster     | 42,183     | 0.6046            |
| Duncanville   | 40,779     | 0.6148            |
| Cedar Hill    | 50,904     | <b>0.6364</b>     |
| Midlothian    | 39,285     | 0.6500            |
| Grand Prairie | 209,231    | 0.6600            |
| Mansfield     | 86,323     | 0.6700            |
| DeSoto        | 57,999     | 0.6849            |

SCAN TO VIEW THE  
FY25 PROPOSED  
BUDGET

