



**NOTICE AND AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas will hold a Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, located at 1938-C South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas, 75154, as prescribed by Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, Government Code Section §551.041, to consider and possibly take action on the following agenda items. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown in this meeting Notice and Agenda.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.127, on a regular, non-emergency basis, members may attend and participate in the meeting remotely by video conference. Should that occur, a quorum of the members, including the presiding officer, will be physically present at the location noted above on this Agenda.

This Notice and Meeting Agenda, and the Agenda Packet, are posted online at <https://www.glennheightstx.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes>.

This City Council Meeting will be live-streamed at <https://www.glennheightstx.gov/229/City-Council-Meeting-Videos>.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public is invited to address City Council on any topic. Speakers should complete a Public Comment form and submit it to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting. The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits City Council from discussing or taking action on issues not posted on the agenda; however, the Mayor, City Manager or designee may provide specific factual information, recite an existing policy, or schedule a discussion of the issue for possible placement on a future agenda. Speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

EVENTS

- Town Hall Meeting, Saturday, September 20, 2025, 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., Harvest of Praise Ministry, 2603 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas
- Hispanic Heritage Festival, Saturday, September 27, 2025, 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M., Glenn Heights City Center, 1938 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine in nature and may be acted upon in one motion. Any Item requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda by the Mayor, a Council Member, or the City Manager, and acted upon separately.

1. Discussion and take action to approve Ordinance O-16-25, appointing a Municipal Judge and an Alternate Municipal Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Glenn Heights; setting qualifications and terms of office; approving contracts for each Judge and authorizing the City Manager to execute Agreements on behalf of the City. (Second Reading) (Clifford Blackwell, City Manager)

AGENDA

1. Discussion and take action to approve Ordinance O-14-25, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026. (Record Vote) (Second Reading) (Clifford Blackwell, City Manager)
2. Discussion and take action to approve Ordinance O-15-25, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting and levying ad valorem taxes for the year 2025 (Fiscal Year 2025-2026) at a rate of \$0.562795 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas. (Record Vote) (Second Reading) (Clifford Blackwell, City Manager)
3. Discussion and take action to approve Resolution R-27-25, ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the City's Adopted Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, which is a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year; and providing an effective date. (Record Vote) (Clifford Blackwell, City Manager)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session:
 - A. pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section 551.072, Real Property; to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property located at S Uhl Road, Glenn Heights, Texas.
 - B. pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section 551.072, Real Property, and Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney; to deliberate land acquisitions for the E Bear Creek Road Right-of-Way Expansion Project.
2. The City Council shall reconvene into Open Session and take any action arising from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, If you are a person with a disability and require information or materials in an appropriate alternative format; or if you require any other accommodations, please contact the City Secretary at least 48 hours in advance of the event at 972-223-1690 ext. 125 or email brandi.brown@glennheightstx.gov. Advance notification within this guideline will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

I, Brandi Brown, City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above Meeting Notice and Agenda was posted in a place convenient to the Public at Glenn Heights City Hall, 1938-C South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas by 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to consult in closed session with its attorney at any time during the course of this meeting and to receive legal advice regarding any item listed on this agenda.

Brandi Brown, City Secretary



Discussion and take action to approve Ordinance O-16-25, appointing a Presiding Municipal Judge and an Alternate Municipal Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Glenn Heights; setting qualifications and terms of office; approving contracts for each Judge and authorizing the City Manager to execute Agreements on behalf of the City. (Clifford Blackwell, City Manager)

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ORDINANCE NO. O-16-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS, APPOINTING A PRESIDING MUNICIPAL JUDGE AND AN ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS; SETTING QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE; APPROVING CONTRACTS FOR EACH JUDGE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, has created the Municipal Court of the City of Glenn Heights, which has and exercises jurisdiction over Class C misdemeanor offenses and such other cases and matters as may be authorized by state law; and

WHEREAS, the terms of office of the existing Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge are expiring and the Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to reappoint the existing judges, who the Council finds to be qualified persons to serve as judges for the Court. Now, Therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the following named persons shall be and are hereby appointed/reappointed as the presiding judge and alternate judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Glenn Heights:

Presiding Judge: Cass Robert Calloway

Alternate Judge: Angela Downes

SECTION 2. That the judges appointed herein shall serve for two-year terms of office commencing on September 2, 2025 and ending on September 2, 2027 and shall have and exercise authority over all matters within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court.

SECTION 3. That the alternate municipal judge appointed herein shall sit for the presiding municipal judge when the presiding judge is temporarily unable to act. When sitting for the presiding judge, the alternate judge shall have all powers and duties of the office of presiding municipal judge.

SECTION 4. That the Council approves the proposed contracts with each Judge and authorizes the City Manager to execute the contracts, and any amendments as the City Manager deems reasonable, necessary, in the public interest, in compliance with applicable law and City policy, and, in the case of an increase in contract price, subject to the availability of funds.

SECTION 5. That it is declared to be the intent of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and section of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase,

clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance is declared invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance since the City Council would have enacted them without the invalid portion.

SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and upon its final passage, as the law and charter in such cases provides.

APPROVED:

Sonja A. Brown, mayor

ATTEST:

Brandi Brown, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Berman, City Attorney

STATE OF TEXAS

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**AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL COURT
PRESIDING JUDGE**

COUNTY OF DALLAS

This agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between the City of Glenn Heights, Texas (“City”) and Cass Robert Callaway (“Judge”) (individually as the “Party” or collectively as “Parties”), acting by and through their authorized representatives.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, City desires to engage the services of the Judge as an independent contractor and not as an employee in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, Judge desires to render judicial and magistrate services as the Presiding Judge of the Glenn Heights Municipal Court, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, in exchange for the mutual covenants set forth herein and other valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I. Term.

1.1 The Term of this Agreement shall be a two-year term effective on September 2, 2025 (the “Effective Date”) and ending on September 2, 2027.

ARTICLE II. Scope of Services.

2.1 Judge shall preside over municipal court proceedings for and on behalf of the City as its Presiding Judge; and, to conduct services as may be required from time-to-time, including but not limited to, issues of warrants (search, blood, arrest, alias, administrative and/or capias pro fine), junk vehicle hearings, dangerous dog hearings, contempt hearings, and such administrative duties and responsibilities as are necessary and incidental to the office of Presiding Judge of the City’s Municipal Court.

2.2 Judge shall maintain eligibility and the appropriate licenses as may be required under State law to serve in the capacity as the Presiding Judge of the City’s Municipal Court for the Term of this Agreement. City shall compensate Judge up to one-hundred and fifty dollars \$150.00 per year in registration fees for required Texas Municipal Courts Education Center (“TMCEC”) judicial trainings. Judge shall be solely responsible for all other training fees and costs, license and fees and occupation taxes, if assessed.

2.3 Judge shall perform all services in accordance with the Code of Judicial Conduct applicable to judges of courts in the State of Texas as well as the City's Charter and agrees to conduct himself in a judicial demeanor at all times in representing the City.

2.4 Judge is not precluded from performing such legal services in maintaining his private law practice of law, and nothing construed herein shall preclude him from maintaining his private legal practice. Judge is also not precluded from serving other municipalities as their municipal court judge as long as that duty does not conflict with Judge's ability to perform the duties and responsibilities of this Agreement.

2.5 Judge hereby agrees not to knowingly undertake any legal matter that would compromise or conflict with his duties and responsibilities as the Municipal Court Judge or otherwise knowingly undertake to represent a client on a legal matter against the City.

2.6 Judge agrees to perform the duties of a Texas magistrate (arraigning jailed individuals, providing magistrate warnings, reviewing probable cause affidavits, 16.22 mental health determinations, etc.) within twenty-four (24) hours of a call and request from the Police Department or Communications Division for such services. Judge shall also endeavor to implement policies and practices that minimize the time any jailed person is in detention at the Desoto, TX Tri-Cities Jail and to promote the transfer of inmates whenever practicable to other agencies and Dallas County.

2.7 Judge agrees to respond via telephone to after hours search warrants within fifteen (15) minutes or as reasonably practicable thereafter of call and request from the Police Department or Communications Division.

2.8 Judge agrees to evaluate and sign or reject other arrest warrants and affidavits when Judge is on-site performing magistrate's warnings.

2.9 Judge is also responsible for the development and maintenance of all court docket procedures, standing orders, and other directives that promote the effective administration of the court.

2.10 From time to time, Judge is also highly encouraged to attend public events – National Night Out, city festivals, city council meetings, citizens police academy, holiday events, etc.; serving as a representative of the judiciary and the Glenn Heights Municipal Court to the community.

ARTICLE III. Municipal Court Docket.

3.1 Judge agrees to preside over the City's Municipal Court at a minimum of twenty (20) days annually, and not to exceed twenty-four (24) days annually, as scheduled by the City.

ARTICLE IV. Compensation and Reporting.

4.1 City shall compensate Judge in the amount of thirty-six thousand (\$36,000.00) dollars per year which shall be paid monthly – three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars per month for services provided under this Agreement.

4.2 Judge agrees to prepare and submit to the City on a monthly basis an invoice for payment inclusive of a report in a form currently accepted by the City detailing the services provided under this Agreement, including the following:

a. A description of all services rendered under this Agreement, including court dockets attended, signing paperwork, reviewing court documents and all other services performed under this Agreement together with the aggregate time for each entry and date of service provided to the City. The following information is required to be included in the invoice description:

- 1) Number of days court dockets were held each month;
- 2) Number of juvenile dockets held each month;
- 3) Number of trips to the jail; and
- 4) Amount of time spent on arraignment and signing warrants or other documents.

4.3 The monthly invoice report required under Section 4.2 shall be prepared and delivered to the Court Administrator not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the month in which services were rendered. Payment will be made within thirty (30) days of the City's receipt of the invoice. Payment by direct deposit (electronic payment) is preferred. Judge shall file with the City a W9 and update it if contact information or classifications change over time.

ARTICLE V. Removal of Judge/Performance Review

5.1 Judge shall serve as Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court commencing on the Effective Date for a two (2) year term but may be removed for cause at any time in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the City Charter and state law. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent, limit or otherwise interfere with the right of the City Council to terminate the services of Judge or to remove Judge from the position of Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court in accordance with the City Charter and state law.

5.2 Furthermore, either Party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause by giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. In the event of such termination, the Judge shall be entitled to compensation for any services completed to the reasonable satisfaction of City in accordance with this Agreement prior to such termination.

5.3 The City Manager, at the direction of the City Council, may be designated to supervise the day-to-day administrative duties of the position; however, nothing constrained herein shall be

construed so as to be interpreted as to interfere with the judicial functions of the position. The City Council, or designee, may conduct an annual review of the performance of the Judge.

ARTICLE VI. Miscellaneous.

6.1 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement between the Parties and supersedes any prior understandings written or oral agreements between the parties with respect to this subject matter.

6.2 Assignment. Judge may not assign this Agreement in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the City. In the event of an assignment by the Judge to which City has consented, the assignee shall agree in writing with City to personally assume, perform, and be bound by all the covenants, and obligations contained in this Agreement.

6.3 Successors and Assigns. Subject to the provisions regarding assignment, this Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of both Parties to it and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

6.4 Governing Law. The laws of State of Texas shall govern this Agreement; and venue for any action concerning this Agreement shall be in the State District Court of Dallas County, Texas. The Parties agree to submit to the personal and subject matter jurisdiction of said court.

6.5 Amendments. This Agreement may be amended by the mutual written agreement of the Parties.

6.6 Severability. In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not effect any other provisions, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained in it.

6.7 Independent Contractors. It is understood and agreed by and between the Parties that the Judge, in satisfying the conditions of this Agreement, is acting independently, and that City assumes no responsibility or liabilities to any third party in connection with these actions. All services to be performed by the Judge pursuant to this Agreement shall be in the capacity of an independent contractor, and not as an agent or employee of the City.

6.8 Notice. Any notice required or permitted to be delivered hereunder may be sent by first class mail, overnight courier or by email to the address specified below, or to such other party or address as either Party may designate in writing, and shall be deemed received three (3) days after delivery set forth herein.

If intended for City:

City of Glenn Heights
Attn: City Manager
1938 South Hampton Road
Glenn Heights, Texas 75154

With a copy to:

Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith, L.L.P.
Attn: David Berman
1800 Lincoln Plaza
500 North Akard Street
Dallas, Texas 75201

If intended for Judge:

Law Office of Cass Callaway
8737 King George Drive, Suite 110
Dallas, Texas 75235-2214
cass.callaway@gmail.com

6.9 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed by the Parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. Each counterpart may consist of any number of copies hereof each signed by less than all, but together signed by all of the Parties hereto.

6.10 Exhibits. The exhibits hereto are incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

6.11 Audits and Records. Judge agrees that during the term hereof, City and its representatives may, during normal business hours and as often as deemed necessary, inspect, audit, examine and reproduce any and all of the Judge's records relating to the services provided pursuant to this Agreement for a period of one (1) year following the date of completion of services as determined by City or date of termination if sooner.

6.12 Conflicts of Interests. Judge represents that no official or employee of City has any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in this Agreement.

EXECUTED this _____ day of September 2025.

City of Glenn Heights, Texas

Clifford Blackwell – City Manager

Approved as to form:

David Berman – City Attorney

EXECUTED this _____ day of September 2025.

Cass Robert Callaway – Municipal Judge

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AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL
COURT ALTERNATE JUDGE

COUNTY OF DALLAS

This agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between the City of Glenn Heights, Texas ("City") and Angela Downes ("Judge"), (individually as the "Party" or collectively as the "Parties"), acting by and through their authorized representatives.

Recitals:

WHEREAS, City desires to engage the services of the Judge as an independent contractor and not as an employee in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Judge desires to render services as the Alternate Judge of the Glenn Heights Municipal Court, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, in exchange for the mutual covenants set forth herein and other valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

Article I
Term

The Term of this Agreement shall be a two-year term effective on September 2, 2025 (the "Effective Date") and ending on September 2, 2027.

Article II
Scope of Services

2.1 Judge shall preside over municipal court proceedings for and on behalf of the City as its Alternate Judge; and, to conduct services as may be required from time-to-time, including but not limited to, issuance of search, arrest and/or capias warrants, and such administrative duties and responsibilities as are necessary and incidental to the office of Alternate Judge of the City's Municipal Court.

2.2 Judge shall maintain eligibility and the appropriate licenses as may be required under State law to serve in the capacity as the Alternate Judge of the City's Municipal Court for the Term of this Agreement.

2.3 Judge shall perform all services in accordance with the Code of Judicial Conduct applicable to judges of courts in the State of Texas as well as the City's Charter and agrees to conduct herself in a judicial demeanor at all times in representing the City.

2.4 Judge is not precluded from performing such legal services in maintaining her private practice of law, and nothing construed herein shall preclude her from maintaining her private legal practice.

2.5 Judge hereby agrees not to knowingly undertake any legal matter that would compromise or conflict with her duties and responsibilities as the Municipal Court Judge or otherwise knowingly undertake to represent a client on a legal matter against the City.

Article III Municipal Court Docket

Judge understands that the City's Municipal Court docket days generally occur between one and three times per month. Judge agrees to be available on an as-needed basis for any and all dockets of the court as well as be available on an as-needed basis to carry out all other functions of judge including, without limitation, juvenile proceedings, jail trips including arraignments, and signing of warrants and other court papers.

Article IV Compensation and Reporting

4.1 City shall compensate Judge in accordance with the following payment schedule:

- a) \$625 for each court appearance to handle dockets;
- b) \$250 for each juvenile docket;
- c) \$50 for each arraignment; and
- d) \$10 for each prisoner and/or warrant signed.

4.2 Judge agrees to prepare and submit to the City on a monthly basis an invoice for payment inclusive of a report in a form acceptable to the City detailing the services provided under this Agreement, including the following:

- a) Number of regular court dockets attended including time spent for each;
- b) Number of juvenile court dockets attended including time spent for each;
- c) Number of trips to the jail including total time spent per trip;
- d) Number of arraignments conducted including time spent per trip;
- e) Number of warrants signed; and
- f) A description of all other services rendered under this Agreement, including signing paperwork, reviewing court documents and all other services performed not otherwise identified in this Section 4.2, including time spent for each.

4.3 The monthly invoice report required under Section 4.2 shall be prepared and delivered to the Court Administrator not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the month in which services were rendered. Payment will be made within 30 days of the City's receipt of the invoice.

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5.2 Furthermore, either Party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause by giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. In the event of such termination, the Judge shall be entitled to compensation for any services completed to the reasonable satisfaction of City in accordance with this Agreement prior to such termination.

5.3 The City Manager, at the direction of the City Council, may be the designated to supervise the day-to-day administrative duties of the position; however, nothing contained herein shall be construed so as to be interpreted as to interfere with the judicial functions of the position. The City Council, or designee, may conduct an annual review of the performance of the Judge.

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6.1 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior understandings written or oral agreements between the parties with respect to this subject matter.

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If intended for City:

Attn: City Manager
City of Glenn Heights
1938 S. Hampton Road
Glenn Heights, Texas 75154

With Copy to:

David Berman
Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith, L.L.P.
1800 Lincoln Plaza
500 North Akard
Dallas, Texas 75201

If intended for Judge:

Angela Downes
2161 Kimbrough Drive
Irving, Texas 75038

6.9 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed by the Parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. Each counterpart may consist of any number of copies hereof each signed by less than all but together signed by all of the parties hereto.

6.10 Exhibits. The exhibits attached hereto are incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

6.11 Audits and Records. Judge agrees that during the term hereof, City and its representatives may, during normal business hours and as often as deemed necessary, inspect, audit, examine and reproduce any and all of the Judge's records relating to the services provided pursuant to this Agreement for a period of one year following the date of completion of services as determined by City or date of termination if sooner.

6.12 Conflicts of Interests. Judge represents that no official or employee of City has any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in this Agreement.

EXECUTED this ____ day of September, 2025.

City of Glenn Heights, Texas

By: _____
Clifford Blackwell, City Manager

Attest:

Brandi Brown, City Secretary

Approved as to form:

David Berman, City Attorney

EXECUTED this ____ day of September, 2025.

Municipal Judge

By: _____
Angela Downes, Judge

AGENDA SUMMARY SHEET

September 9, 2025

AGENDA, ITEM 1

Discussion and take action to approve Ordinance O-14-25, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026. (Record Vote) (Second Reading) (Clifford Blackwell, City Manager)

Motion	
Second	
For	Brown, Benford, Mosley, Garrett, Bruton, Hale, and Lightfoot
Against	Brown, Benford, Mosley, Garrett, Bruton, Hale, and Lightfoot
Abstain	
Approve/ Deny/ Table	

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ORDINANCE O-14-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING THAT EXPENDITURES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID BUDGET; APPROPRIATING AND SETTING ASIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDS OUT OF THE GENERAL AND OTHER REVENUES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, an annual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, has been duly created by the financial office of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, in accordance with Chapter 102.002 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, as required by Section 7.02 of the City Charter, the City Manager has prepared and submitted to the City Council a proposed budget of expenditures and revenues of the City for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the financial office for the City of Glenn Heights has filed the proposed budget in the office of the City Secretary and the proposed budget was made available for public inspection in accordance with Chapter 102.005 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, public hearing as required by Chapter 102.006 of the Local Government Code was held following due publication of notice thereof, at which time all citizens and parties of interest were given the opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, after full and final consideration, it is the opinion of the Glenn Heights City Council that the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget as hereinafter set forth should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the proposed budget of the revenue and expenditures necessary for conducting the affairs of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, said budget being in the amount of \$44,343,906, including nonoperating transfers, providing a complete financial plan for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026 as submitted to the City Council by the City Manager, a copy

of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit A and which is also on file in the City Secretary's Office, be and the same is hereby adopted and approved as the budget of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

SECTION 2. That the sum of \$44,343,906 is hereby appropriated for the payment of the expenditures established in the approved budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

SECTION 3. That the expenditures during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026 shall be made in accordance with the budget approved by this ordinance unless otherwise authorized by a duly enacted ordinance of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas.

SECTION 4. That all budget amendments and transfers of appropriations budgeted from one account or activity to another within any individual activity for the fiscal year 2025-2026 are hereby ratified, and the budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2025–2026, heretofore enacted by the City Council, be and the same is hereby amended to the extent of such transfers and amendments for all purposes.

SECTION 5. That specific authority is given to the City Manager to take and/or make the following actions:

1. Transfer of appropriations budgeted from one account classification to another account classification within the same department.
2. Transfer of appropriations from designated appropriation from one department or activity to another department or activity within the same fund.
3. Invest idle funds, whether operating funds or bond funds, in accordance with the City's Investment Policy as prescribed by the Public Funds Investment Act.

SECTION 6. All ordinances of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed; provided, however, that all other provisions of said ordinances not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Should any word, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance, be adjudged or held to be void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

UPON CALLING FOR A VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE, THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED AS FOLLOWS:

	Aye	Nay
Sonja A. Brown, Mayor		
Sherron Mosley, Council Member – Place 1		
Harry A. Garrett, Council Member– Place 2		
Travis Bruton, Council Member – Place 3		
Stephanne Hale, Council Member – Place 4		
Laymon M. Lightfoot, Council Member – Place 5		
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WITH ____ VOTING “AYE” AND ____ VOTING “NAY”, THIS ORDINANCE IS DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS, ON THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

APPROVED

Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brandi Brown, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Berman

EXHIBIT A
[Budget FY 2025]



City of Glenn Heights
Proposed Budget - Revenues & Expenses
Fiscal Year 2025-26

ALL OPERATING FUNDS

REVENUES

	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Operating Budget	2025-26 C.I.P. Budget
PROPERTY TAXES	8,923,656	9,380,298	10,184,200	10,368,656	10,719,011	
SALES TAXES	1,131,746	1,274,335	1,300,000	948,823	1,300,000	
FRANCHISE TAXES	717,362	682,153	630,000	552,574	665,000	
PERMITS AND LICENSES	1,232,541	663,681	598,250	662,172	626,800	
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	10,686,688	13,097,647	12,340,850	9,017,604	12,983,177	
RECREATION	266,995	195,905	170,700	205,408	273,700	
GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS	91,124	733,792	-	817,741	5,261,253	2,000,000
COURT FINES	245,231	245,555	257,500	167,867	257,200	
INTEREST	364,872	664,878	353,850	854,312	606,000	15,000
MISCELLANEOUS	182,776	124,221	99,200	144,946	42,200	1,050,000
OTHER FINANCING RESOURCES	-	2,905	-	10	-	674,000
TRANSFERS IN/(OUT)	125,775	1,129,686	125,775	94,331	1,846,859	
MAJOR DONATION	52,813	192,842	150,000	218,618	125,000	
TOTAL REVENUES	24,021,579	28,387,898	26,210,325	24,053,062	34,706,200	3,739,000

EXPENSES

	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Budget	2025-26 Budget
Salaries	6,319,011	7,220,757	8,226,163	5,711,909	8,596,427	
Benefits	1,675,783	2,182,141	2,223,976	1,751,197	1,912,675	
Supplies	496,349	540,540	1,010,429	535,108	950,075	
Repairs and Maintenance	277,645	748,903	849,500	791,198	1,106,000	
Utilities	403,338	410,991	405,470	360,171	453,484	
Operating	1,143,067	1,688,630	1,155,355	853,382	1,177,790	
Contractual Services	8,999,155	8,612,002	10,066,090	6,803,673	10,396,869	500,000
Events	52,077	188,021	243,299	101,523	160,400	
Debt	1,628,851	1,604,386	1,826,102	1,616,750	1,668,372	
Transfers	1,107,955	814,781	69,000	97,009	259,775	1,587,084
Grants	1,650	19,234	10,000	1,225,669	3,710,000	
Capital Outlay	742,507	1,072,300	35,000	691,104	3,629,587	8,235,368
TOTAL EXPENSES	22,847,388	25,102,686	26,120,384	20,538,693	34,021,454	10,322,452

Revenues Less Expenses

1,174,191	3,285,212	89,941	3,514,369	684,746	(6,583,452)
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City of Glenn Heights
Proposed Budget - Revenues & Expenses
Fiscal Year 2025-26

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Capital Outlay	742,507	1,072,300	35,000	691,104	3,629,587	8,235,368
SUBTOTAL	22,847,388	25,102,686	26,120,384	20,538,693	34,021,454	10,322,452
				Supplementals	700,506	
				One-time purchases	580,361	
TOTAL EXPENSES	22,847,388	25,102,686	26,120,384	20,538,693	35,302,321	10,322,452

Revenues Less Expenses

1,174,191	3,285,212	89,941	3,514,369	(596,121)	(6,583,452)
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Discussion and take action to approve Ordinance O-15-25, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting and levying ad valorem taxes for the year 2025 (Fiscal Year 2025-2026) at a rate of \$0.562795 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas. (Record Vote) (Second Reading) (Clifford Blackwell, City Manager)

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CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Date: September 9, 2025

SUBJECT

Discussion regarding Ordinance O-15-25, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting and levying ad valorem taxes for the tax year 2025 (Fiscal Year 2025-2026) at a rate of \$0.562795 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Glenn Heights as of January 1, 2025, to provide revenue for the payment of current expenses; providing for an interest and sinking fund for all outstanding debt of the City of Glenn Heights; providing for due and delinquent dates together with penalties and interest; approving the 2025 tax roll certified by the Chief Appraisers for Dallas and Ellis Counties; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

City Council will consider the Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.562795 per One Hundred Dollars (\$100) Assessed Valuation. For the purpose of defraying the current expenditures (Maintenance and Operations) of the municipal government of the City of Glenn Heights, a tax of \$0.495670 on each and every One Hundred Dollars (\$100) assessed value on all taxable property; and for the purpose of creating an interest and sinking fund (Interest and Sinking Fund) to pay the interest and principal maturities of all outstanding debt of the City of Glenn Heights not otherwise provided for, a tax of \$0.067125 on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) assessed value of taxable property within the City of Glenn Heights, and shall be applied to the payment of interest and maturities of all such outstanding debt of the City.

This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's rate.

The overall tax rate will be lowered by 1.68 percent, going from the previous rate of \$0.565015 per \$100 assessed valuation(AV) to the proposed rate of \$0.562795 per

\$100 AV. The maintenance & operations tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations tax rate, and it will increase taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$8.17.

PRIOR COUNCIL OR BOARD ACTION

Not applicable.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public Notices related to the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Tax Rate have been given by posting on the City Council’s official bulletin board, on the City of Glenn Heights’ website, and in the local newspaper.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Adoption of this Ordinance will raise \$10,620,265 in property tax revenue for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

RECOMMENDATION / ALTERNATIVES

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance O-??-25 on September 9, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance O-15-25
2. Notice of Tax Rates

PREPARED BY

Clifford Blackwell, City Manager

REVIEWED BY

Brandi Brown, City Secretary

ORDINANCE O-15-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS, ADOPTING AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2025 (FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026) AT A RATE OF \$0.562795 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) ASSESSED VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025, TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT EXPENSES; PROVIDING FOR AN INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR ALL OUTSTANDING DEBT OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR DUE AND DELINQUENT DATES TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST; APPROVING THE ESTIMATED 2025 TAX ROLL PROVIDED BY THE CHIEF APPRAISERS FOR DALLAS AND ELLIS COUNTIES AS ALLOWED BY LAW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, following public notices duly posted and published in all things as required by law, public hearings were held by and before the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, the subject of which was the proposed tax rate for the City of Glenn Heights for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, submitted by the City Manager in accordance with provisions of the City Charter and state statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, upon full consideration of the matter, is of the opinion that the tax rate hereinafter set forth is proper and should be approved and adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. There is hereby approved, adopted and levied for the tax year 2025 on all taxable property, real, personal and mixed, situated within the corporate limits of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, and not exempt by the Constitution of the State and valid State laws, a tax of **\$0.562795** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) assessed valuation of taxable property, which consists of two components each one of which is separately approved by the Council as follows:

- (a) **\$0.067125** per One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of taxable value, the rate that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose the total amount published under Section 26.04(e)(3)(C) of the Texas Property Tax Code (Tax Code), less any amount of additional sales and use tax revenue that will be used to pay debt service; and
- (b) **\$0.495670** per One Hundred Dollars (\$100) taxable value, the rate that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the City for the coming year.

SECTION 2. 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 1.68 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$8.17.

SECTION 3. All ad valorem taxes shall become due and payable on October 1, 2025, and all ad valorem taxes for the year shall become delinquent if not paid prior to February 1, 2026. There shall be no discount for payment of taxes prior to February 1, 2026. A delinquent tax shall incur all penalty and interest authorized by law, to wit:

- (a) A penalty of six percent (6%) on the amount of the tax for the first calendar month it is delinquent, plus one percent (1%) for each additional month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid prior to July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent.
- (b) Provided, however, a tax delinquent on July 1, 2026, incurs a total penalty of twelve percent (12%) of the amount of delinquent tax without regard to the number of months the tax has been delinquent. A delinquent tax shall also accrue interest at the rate of one percent (1%) for each month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid. Taxes for the year 2025 and taxes for all future years that become delinquent on or after February 1 but not later than May 1, that remain delinquent on July 1 of the year in which they become delinquent, incur an additional penalty in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of taxes, penalty and interest due, pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.30 and 33.07, as amended. Taxes assessed against tangible personal property for the year 2024 and for all future years that become delinquent on or after February 1 of a year incur an additional penalty on the later of the date the personal property taxes become subject to the delinquent tax attorney's contract, or 60 days after the date the taxes become delinquent, such penalty to be in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of taxes, penalty and interest due, pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code Section 33.11. Taxes for the year 2025 and taxes for all future years that remain delinquent on or after June 1 under Texas Property Tax Code Sections 26.07(f), 26.15(e), 31.03, 31.031, 31.032 or 31.04 incur an additional penalty in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of taxes, penalty and interest due, pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.30 and Section 33.08, as amended.

SECTION 3. The Dallas and Ellis County Tax Assessors/Collectors are hereby authorized to assess and collect the taxes of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas.

SECTION 4. The City shall have available all the rights and remedies provided by law for the enforcement of the collection of taxes levied under this ordinance.

SECTION 5. The tax rolls as presented to the City Council, together with any supplements thereto, be and the same are hereby approved.

SECTION 6. Should any word, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance, be adjudged or held to be void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. All ordinances of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed; provided, however, that all other provisions of said ordinances not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

UPON CALLING FOR A VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE, THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED AS FOLLOWS:

	Aye	Nay
Sonja A. Brown, Mayor		
Sherron Mosley, Council Member – Place 1		
Harry Garrett, Council Member – Place 2		
Travis Bruton, Council Member – Place 3		
Stephanne Hale, Council Member – Place 4		
Laymon M. Lightfoot, Council Member – Place 5		
Cornel Benford II, Mayor Pro Tem – Place 6		

WITH__ VOTING “AYE” AND__ VOTING “NAY”, AND AT LEAST 60% OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE ORDINANCE, THIS ORDINANCE IS DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS, ON THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

APPROVED:

Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brandi Brown, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Berman, City Attorney

Notice About 2025 Tax Rates

Property tax rates in City of Glenn Heights.

This notice concerns the 2025 property tax rates for City of Glenn Heights. This notice provides information about two tax rates used in adopting the current tax year's tax rate. The no-new-revenue tax rate would impose the same amount of taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. In most cases, the voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate a taxing unit can adopt without holding an election. In each case, these rates are calculated by dividing the total amount of taxes by the current taxable value with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

This year's no-new-revenue tax rate	\$0.551438/\$100
This year's voter-approval tax rate	\$0.562795/\$100

To see the full calculations, please visit <https://www.glennheightstx.gov/> for a copy of the Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit's accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Fund	Balance
General Fund	11,548,090
Debt Fund	97,506

Current Year Debt Service

The following amounts are for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from upcoming property tax revenues (*or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable*).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
2025 Debt	941,234	329,439	5,500	1,276,173

Total required for 2025 debt service	\$1,276,173
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in unencumbered funds	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$9,470
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2025	\$1,266,703
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2025	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$1,266,703

This notice contains a summary of actual no-new-revenue and voter-approval calculations as certified by John R. Ames, PCC, CTA, Tax Assessor/Collector on 08/04/2025 .

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.



Discussion and take action to approve Resolution R-27-25, ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the City's Adopted Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, which is a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year; and providing an effective date. (Record Vote) (Clifford Blackwell, City Manager)

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CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Date: September 9, 2025

SUBJECT

Discuss and take action on Resolution R-27-25, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the City's Adopted Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, which is a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year; and providing an effective date.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

Discuss and take action on a Resolution ratifying the Property Tax Rate in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

PRIOR COUNCIL OR BOARD ACTION

The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget will raise \$357,487 or 3.48% more in property tax revenue than was raised in Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Therefore, the Texas Local Government Code section 102.007(c) requires the Council to take a separate vote to ratify the increase in property tax revenue.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact has been made through publications in the Ellis County Press and on the City's website, as required by law.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of ratifying the tax rate will be property tax revenue of \$10,620,265 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

RECOMMENDATION / ALTERNATIVES

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-27-25, ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution R-27-25

PREPARED BY

Clifford Blackwell, City Manager

REVIEWED BY

Brandi Brown, City Secretary

RESOLUTION R-27-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE CITY'S ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET, WHICH IS A BUDGET THAT WILL REQUIRE RAISING MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code §102.007(c) requires that adoption of a budget that raises more property tax revenue than was generated the previous year requires a record vote of the City Council to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget in addition to and separate from the record votes to approve the ordinance adopting the annual budget and the ordinance adopting the tax rate for the current tax year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget, which will require raising more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, desires to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the adopted 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The property tax increase reflected in the adopted 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget, which is a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than the previous year, is hereby ratified.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law and charter in such cases provides.

UPON CALLING FOR A VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION, THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED AS FOLLOWS:

	Aye	Nay
Sonja A. Brown, Mayor		
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**WITH ____ VOTING “AYE” AND ____ VOTING “NAY”, THIS RESOLUTION
NO. _____ IS DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS, ON THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Brandi Brown, City Secretary

Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Berman, City Attorney

