



**Ordinance No. 250923-01**

**PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEONARD, FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS, LEVYING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; FINDINGS OF FACT; ENACTMENT; PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Leonard, Texas is a General Law Type-A City and whose affairs are decided by the City Council, with a fiscal year October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Local Government Code Section 102.007 states the adoption of a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year requires a separate vote of the governing body to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the adopted budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year does require an increase in revenue from property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, after due diligence and deliberation, the City Council finds that it is necessary and proper for good government, peace, and order of the City of Leonard to adopt this ordinance levying the tax rate for the next fiscal year.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS:**

**1. FINDINGS OF FACT**

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact and set forth expressly herein.

**This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate by \$33,311, or approximately 5%.**

**2. ENACTMENT**

That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Leonard, Texas upon all property, real, personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.362569 on each \$100.00 valuation of property for the purpose of maintenance and operation, and a debt rate of \$0.175481 on each \$100.00 valuation of property for the purpose of principal and interest on debt, bonds and certificates of obligation.



**3. REPEALER**

To the extent reasonably possible, ordinances are to be read together in harmony. However, all ordinances, or parts thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated herein.

**4. SEVERABILITY**

Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections, or parts of this ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over this matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this ordinance.

**5. FILING**

The City Secretary is hereby directed to file this ordinance and any attachments in the City's official records.

**6. PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING**

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	MOTION	SECOND
AL STEPHENS	✓				
BILLY WAYNE MARTIN	✓				
BOBBY HANSON	✓			✓	
DARRELL GRINTZ	✓				
CHARLES WRENN	✓				✓

**7. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2025, by the Council of the City of Leonard, Fannin County, Texas;

APPROVED:

Michael Pye, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Melissa Verde, City Secretary