



# City Administrator's Update

HIGHLAND HAVEN

July 18, 2025



## Building a Strong Future for Highland Haven Budget Proposal, Public Comment Opportunity and Water Conservation Updates

Dear Highland Haven Residents,

I'm excited to share key updates on our proposed 2026 budget and ongoing water conservation efforts as we continue to prioritize the needs of our community. Please join us for **public comment** at our Board of Aldermen meeting on **Tuesday August 5, 2025, at 7 p.m.** at the community center with any feedback or questions you may have.

### Proposed 2026 Budget and Public Input

Our proposed 2026 budget has been filed and is available for review, along with a detailed presentation, on our website. A significant component this year is a Bond for Water Infrastructure, which will fund critical upgrades without creating a debt service tax and will not require raising water rates in 2026.

To ensure financial stability, we're proposing a property tax increase to fund essential city services through our three stable, city-controlled revenue sources: Water Fund Revenue transfers, Solid Waste Fund transfers, and Property Taxes. We've categorized our budget into essential costs (funded by these stable sources) and operational costs (funded by variable sources like sales tax, franchise fees, development service fees, and interest income). To calculate property tax needs, we subtract Water and Solid Waste Fund transfers from the total essential costs.

We value your input and invite you to attend the Board of Aldermen meeting on **August 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Community Center to share feedback, questions, or concerns about the budget. Visit the links below to learn more about the proposed budget.

[Proposed Budget with Cover Letter](#)  
[Detailed Explanation of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget](#)

### Watering Restrictions Remain in Effect

Due to the ongoing Stage 4 drought declared by the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District, our drought contingency plan limits watering to **once per week**, on either Saturday or Sunday, based on your address. The District will reassess the drought stage on July 28, and we'll review potential adjustments at the following Board of Aldermen meeting. Thank you for your continued cooperation in conserving water.

There is a note about our water system on the next page in regards to the boil water notice put out by the City of Marble Falls this week. In short, our water is safe to drink and at no time did we need to put out a boil notice for our water customers.

As always, stay informed, stay involved, and thank you for being an engaged part of our community!

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## Next BOA Meeting

The Board of Aldermen will have their next regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday August 5, in the community center.

A copy of the agendas will be available online, as well as the packets.

## Next P&Z Meeting

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday July 29, at the Community Center.

A copy of the agenda will be available online, as well as the packet.

## Water Investment Bond

Proposed \$1,000,000 Bond for Water System



- **Purpose:**

- Purchase 8.25 acre parcel located next to our water plant
- Invest in water infrastructure updates that may include:
  - New water system generator
  - Build out of Well #6
  - Variable Frequency Drives for distribution pumps
  - Fire Hydrants

- **Importance:**

- 2 of the city's wells are located on this property, eliminates royalty payments
- Ensures we control all aspects of our water infrastructure, keeping drinking water safe and reliable
- Has been a priority in the City's Comprehensive Plan since 2004
- Adds controlled acreage for future groundwater permits or system expansions

- **Key Facts:**

- 15-year bond, repaid through revenues from water system
- **No Debt Service Tax** created through issuance of this bond
- **No Increase** in water rates
- **Required Ballot Language:** "This is a Tax Increase" (Texas law mandates this wording, but no debt service tax is being created and no rate hikes are proposed)

- **Why it Matters:**

- Ensures safe, reliable water for all residents without added costs

- **When to Vote:**

- This Bond will be voted on during the November 4, 2025 election

## Boil Water Notice Clarification

Our Water is Safe to Drink

Recent concerns have arisen due to a boil water notice issued by our neighbor, the City of Marble Falls. We want to reassure our water customers that our water supply remains safe for drinking.

Unlike Marble Falls, which uses surface water susceptible to flooding and turbidity, our system relies on groundwater, which is generally not affected by lake flooding.

Our regular testing confirms that water quality meets all safety standards, with free chlorine treatment ensuring continued reliability. Should any irregularities arise, we will promptly notify all customers.

For questions, contact City Hall at [cityadministrator@highlandhaventx.com](mailto:cityadministrator@highlandhaventx.com).



## Stay in the Loop & Reach Out!

We appreciate you taking the time to stay informed about what's happening in Highland Haven. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat about city matters, we're always happy to hear from you! Feel free to reach out, and we'll do our best to provide answers and keep you in the know.

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Stay engaged, stay involved, and thank you for being a part of what makes Highland Haven a great place to live!