



# EULESS TODAY



Dear Citizens,

We recently lost an incredible gentleman and public servant, former Mayor Harold Samuels, who served the City for over 26 years as a member of the Eules City Council,

including as Mayor for 18 years. Mayor Samuels maintained an exceptional record of service, motivated by his strong sense of loyalty, his personal obligation to his fellow citizens, and a sincere desire to continually improve his community. In 2014, the City Council dedicated the Harold Samuels Finance Building in honor of his many years of volunteer service. Mayor Samuels left an incredible mark on the City of Eules that he loved and so faithfully served.

In keeping with the tradition of maintaining a fiscally sound City, I am pleased to announce that our City budget for FY2024-25 reduces the property tax rate from 45.75¢ to 44.67¢ per \$100 taxable valuation. City staff has worked diligently on this budget for the past several months, and I am pleased that all current service levels will be maintained, as well as, providing for several exciting projects over the next year.

The City will be opening Fire Station No. 2 at its new location at 2301 W. Pipeline Rd, the Police and Court building is underway with a substantial expansion and remodel, and an extensive expansion and renovation of the Animal Shelter will begin early next year.

There is so much more, and I hope you will take the time to read the budget article in this edition of Eules Today.

*Linda Martin*

★ The Eules City Council ★

- Linda Martin* Mayor
- Tim Stinneford* Place 1
- Jeremy Tompkins* Place 2
- Eddie Price* Place 3
- Perry Bynum* Place 4
- Annabel Eads* Place 5
- Tika Paudel* Mayor Pro Tem
- Place 6



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## FY 2025 Budget Highlights

The Eules City Council has approved a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The budget is based on a tax rate of 44.67¢ per \$100 of taxable value, which is a decrease from the current tax rate of 45.75¢. This budget provides funding to continue the day-to-day operations of the City including 24-hour police, fire and EMS service, public works, parks and recreation, library services, building inspections, code compliance and other essential City services. It also continues to provide funding for annual street maintenance, water and wastewater line replacements, and replacement funding for the City's fleet and equipment.

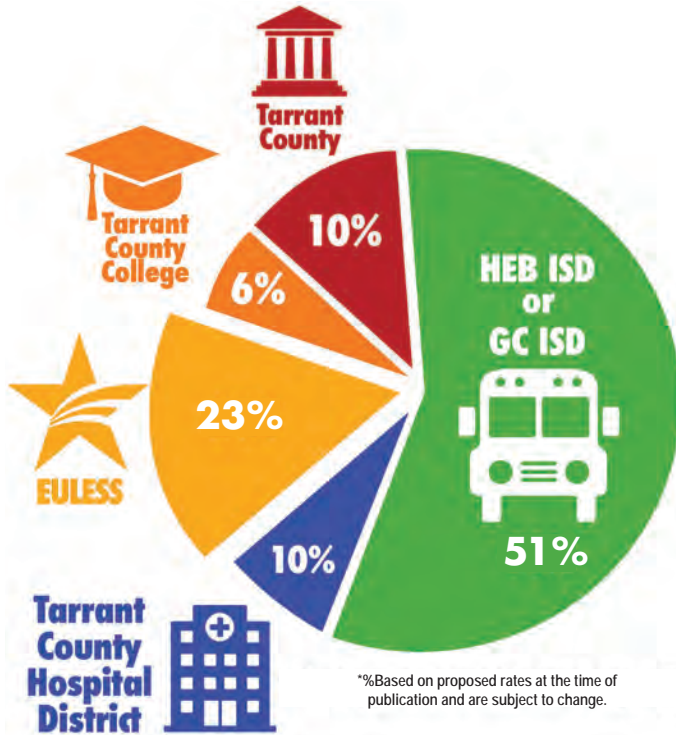
In addition to providing for basic City services, the budget provides funding for the following:

- Traffic Signal Equipment Upgrades
- Remodel and expansion of the Animal Shelter
- Construction of Playground Shade Structures
- Additional, Street, Storm Water, and Wastewater Infrastructure
- Additional personnel including a Water Field Technician, a Park Field Technician, and an Elementary School Resource Officer Manager

Property taxes are the single largest revenue source for the City. Although the City's tax rate is lower than last year, individual tax bills may fluctuate based on changes in home value, as determined by the Tarrant Appraisal District (TAD). Using the average home value of \$353,622 and the adopted tax rate of 44.67¢ per \$100 of taxable valuation and applying the 20% homestead exemption, total City property taxes on the average home will be \$1,264 this year. The average value of a home in Eules owned by a senior is \$339,305. A senior with this home value, along with the 20% homestead exemption and the \$35,000 senior exemption, would pay \$1,056 in taxes this year.



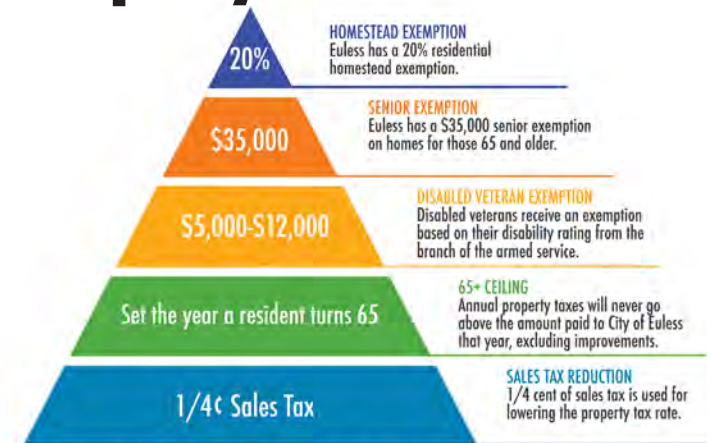
## Property Tax Breakdown\*



The City also has an over 65 tax ceiling, which means that senior citizens pay no more than they paid at age 65 even though their home value may change, excluding improvements. You, or your spouse, will qualify for the senior exemption and tax ceiling on the date you turn 65. To receive this benefit, you must check the appropriate exemption on the homestead exemption form and return it to TAD. To obtain the form you can call TAD at 817-284-0024 or visit [www.tad.org](http://www.tad.org). TAD applies the information on your form to all taxing entities, so you do not have to complete additional forms to receive senior benefits from the school district or county. You do not have to reapply each year.

Water and wastewater rates are increasing due to increased costs from Trinity River Authority to purchase water and wastewater treatment services. The residential base rate for water stays the same and the volume rate for water will increase 32¢ per 1000 gallons. The base rate for wastewater stays the same and the volume rate for wastewater will increase 36¢ per 1000 gallons. To help offset these increases, the City Council approved a 75¢ per 1000-gallon rebate from the rate stabilization fund for residential water usage up to 15,000 gallons.

## Property Tax Reductions



Exemptions are set up with Tarrant Appraisal District | 817-284-0024 | [www.tad.org](http://www.tad.org)

City property tax represents approximately 23% of a resident's overall property tax bill. The total tax bill also includes the school district, county, hospital district and the college district. Sales tax revenue is the second largest revenue source for the City. Of the 8.25% sales tax rate, the State of Texas receives 6.25¢ and the City of Eules receives 2¢ for each \$1 spent in the City.

The City's 2¢ portion is allocated as follows:

- 1/4¢ is dedicated for property tax reduction
- 1/4¢ is dedicated to crime control and prevention
- 1/2¢ is used for economic development, parks, and library
- 1¢ funds general government operations

## City Services



You may view the annual budget on the City's website at [www.eulesstx.gov](http://www.eulesstx.gov), at City Hall, or at the Eules Public Library.



## ***Shred Day***

***Saturday, November 2, 9 -11 a.m.  
Eules Municipal Complex  
201 N. Ector Drive***

Don't toss your sensitive papers! Thwart identity thieves by bringing your discarded papers and important documents to Eules' drive-through disposal for shredding and recycling. Papers may contain thin metals, such as staples, paperclips, or rubber bands. Please do not bring CDs, jump drives, three-ring binders, or plastic bags. You may bring up to five boxes per vehicle of paper in standard-size boxes (15" x 12" x 10") or paper grocery bags. Proof of Eules residency is required to participate. For more information, please call 817-685-1821.

## ***Crud Day***

***Saturday, November 2, 9 - 11 a.m.  
Eules Municipal Complex  
201 N. Ector Drive***

Be kind to the environment by safely disposing of hazardous waste from your home, such as paint, chemicals, and oils at the annual Crud Day. The mobile collection unit can accept materials from approximately 125 households, so space is limited. Once the unit reaches capacity, residents may deliver materials to the Environmental Collection Center (ECC), which is located at 6400 Bridge Street in Fort Worth. Proof of Eules residency is required to participate in Crud Day and to dispose of waste at the ECC. For directions and hours of operation, please call 817-392-1234. You may also bring any small electrical appliances you would like to recycle like computers, radios, VCRs, stereos, clocks, and hair dryers.

For a complete list of accepted hazardous and electronic waste, please call 817-685-1821 or visit [www.eulesstx.gov/hazmat](http://www.eulesstx.gov/hazmat).

## ***General Election***

***November 5, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Eules Family Life Senior Center  
300 W. Midway Drive***

For the November General Election, you may vote at the Eules Family Life Senior Center or any of the polling places in Tarrant County. Locations can be found by visiting [www.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.tarrantcounty.com) and clicking "Elections." You can also view sample ballots and information for voters with special needs.

## ***Holiday Luncheon for Seniors***

***Wednesday, November 13, 11 a.m.  
Eules Family Life Senior Center  
300 W. Midway Drive***

Join us for a free Thanksgiving meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, greens, rolls, and desserts. Night of Hope Wreath raffle will take place. Registration is required to attend. You must be a member of the Senior Center or a Eules resident age 60+. Space is limited, so register today. More information is available by calling 817-685-1671.



## ***Holiday at Glade Parks***

***Saturday, November 16, 6 - 9 p.m.  
Glade Parks  
2701 Rio Grande Blvd.***

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Start off the holiday season with a visit to Glade Parks. Bring the whole family to enjoy the free entertainment, excellent shopping and dining, plus a festive holiday drone show. For more information, call 817-685-1814.

## ***Thanksgiving Trash Collection Schedule***

During the Thanksgiving holiday, normal Thursday trash and recycling collection will shift to Friday, November 29. Friday service will shift to Saturday, November 30.



*In Loving Memory*



*Harold D. Samuels*

*April 24, 1934 - September 4, 2024*



*Husband, Father, Servant Leader, Mayor*



*Eules City Council Member from 1965 - 1969 & 1972 - 1975*

*Mayor of Eules from 1975 - 1993*