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	Code 99 Line	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	49,053,104	20.000	48,854,141	20.000	50,926,202	3,852,856	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	16,122,365	14.986	15,938,112	14.965	16,793,008	3,952,456	14.946
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	1,572,012		1,776,900		1,647,616		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	449,995		450,000		450,000		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	11,186,094		11,464,100		11,521,040		
Bilingual Education	14	205,000		205,000		205,000		
Virtual Education	15	120,000		120,000		120,000		
Capital Outlay	16	3,888,980	7.993	3,424,781	7.999	5,500,000	2,150,176	8.000
Driver Training	18	80,019		34,903		86,550		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	3,636,377		3,396,268		3,525,000		
Professional Development	26	37,265		7,169		100,000		
Parent Education Program	28	495,000		496,910		496,910		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	14,645,930		14,802,386		15,348,323		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	664,711		795,199		806,727		
Gifts and Grants	35	0		0		0		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0				
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	6,261,548		6,010,607		6,776,959		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	221,107		387,931				
Activity Fund	56	863,229		885,563				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	7,569,689	13.702	10,169,669	13.712	14,989,869	3,626,518	13.714
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES[1]								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	117,072,425	56.681	119,219,639	56.676	129,293,204	13,582,006	56.660
Less: Transfers	105	26,400,269		27,819,373		23,509,406		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	90,672,156		91,400,266		105,783,798		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	11,394,932		12,500,544		13,582,006		

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OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board/District	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	$11,394,932		$12,500,544		$13,582,006		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	$155,071,472		$173,669,929		$192,642,788		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	$224,303,974		$244,703,028		$264,444,477		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	$228,575,585		$249,172,612		$268,772,011		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2024		2025		2026		
General Obligation Bonds	135	76,410,000		148,875,000		139,985,000		
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0		
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	153	1,230,000		1,025,000		820,000		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	77,640,000		149,900,000		140,805,000		

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Revenue Neutral

	2025-2026 Actual Taxes Levied (1)	2025-2026 Actual Tax Rate (2)	2025-2026 Revenue Neutral Taxes (3)	2025-2026 Revenue Neutral Tax Rate (4)	2026-2027 Proposed Taxes to be Levied (5)	2026-2027 Proposed Tax Rate (6)
General	$3,473,399	20.000	$3,473,399	18.030	$3,852,856	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	$3,667,828	14.965	$3,667,828	13.870	$3,952,456	14.946
Adult Education	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	$1,998,600	7.999	$1,998,600	7.436	$2,150,176	8.000
Cost of Living	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	$3,360,717	13.712	$3,360,717	12.709	$3,626,518	13.714
Bond and Interest #2	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Special Assessment	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Temporary Note	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Historical Museum	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Public Library Board/District	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	$0	0.000			$0	0.000

Revenue Neutral Calculation

Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	$12,500,544	56.676	$12,500,544	52.045	$13,582,006	56.660
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	$9,027,145	36.676	$9,027,145	34.015	$9,729,150	36.660

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Revenue Neutral

	2025-2026				2026-2027	
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Temporary Note	$0	0.000	$0	0.000	$0	0.000
Historical Museum	$0	0.000	$0	0.000	$0	0.000
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TRAVIS MOUNTS
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18 Day of Aug, 2026

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	Revenue Neutral 2025-2026				2026-2027	
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General	$9,475,399	20.000	$9,475,399	19.030	$9,852,858	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	$3,667,628	14.939	$3,667,628	13.870	$3,852,485	14.940
Adult Education	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	$1,868,600	7.920	$1,868,600	7.438	$2,160,178	8.000
Cost of Living	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Bond and Interest 01	$3,360,717	13.712	$3,360,717	12.700	$3,626,618	13.710
Bond and Interest 02	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Special Assessment	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Temporary Note	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Historical Museum	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Public Library Board/District	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Revenue Neutral Calculation						
Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	$12,500,544	50.075	$12,500,544	52.045	$13,852,008	56.650
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	$3,027,145	30.075	$3,027,145	34.015	$3,729,150	36.650

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