



City of Von Ormy, Texas
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VON ORMY VOTES TO ELIMINATE PROPERTY TAXES

City cuts property tax rate from \$0.1200 to zero while adopting record budget, paying off all debt and expanding basic services

VON ORMY, TEXAS — September 11, 2026 — The City of Von Ormy voted Thursday to eliminate its municipal property tax, cutting the City's property tax rate from \$0.1200 to \$0.0000 and restoring Von Ormy's status as a property tax-free city.

The vote comes as Von Ormy adopts the largest budget in its history, pays off all City debt, expands its police force and directs substantial funding toward road repairs and other basic services.

The Von Ormy City Commission approved the zero property tax rate for the 2026–2027 fiscal year at its September 10 meeting. The zero-tax budget was proposed by Mayor Art Martinez de Vara. Commissioner Sammy Martinez made the motion to eliminate the property tax, which passed by a 2–1 vote.

“In this time of rising inflation and economic hardship, we owe it to our residents to provide meaningful property tax relief,” Mayor Martinez de Vara said during the City's budget and tax rate hearing. “We do this by eliminating and avoiding debt and running efficiently.”

“Every dollar we tax comes directly out of our residents' household budgets, which reduces the amount they have for items such as food, their mortgage and prescription drugs,” Martinez de Vara said.

RETURNING VON ORMY TO ITS PROPERTY TAX-FREE TRADITION

Von Ormy first abolished its municipal property tax in 2014 after several consecutive years of double-digit property tax rate reductions under the leadership of Martinez de Vara, the City's first mayor. The City then operated for approximately a decade without a municipal property tax.

In 2024, Von Ormy adopted a property tax for the first time in a decade. Martinez de Vara was elected mayor again in 2025. The September 10 vote returns Von Ormy to the property tax-free policy the City maintained for approximately a decade.

ZERO PROPERTY TAXES. ZERO CITY DEBT. MORE BASIC SERVICES.

Von Ormy's return to a zero property tax rate comes with adoption of the largest budget since the City's incorporation in 2008. The 2026–2027 budget will pay off all City debt while directing the overwhelming majority of municipal spending toward basic services.

Approximately 30 percent of the budget will fund public works, primarily road repairs; approximately 30 percent will fund law enforcement; and approximately 30 percent will fund City administration and operations.

The budget also provides for completion of Phase I of the City's sewer project and continued investment in essential infrastructure. At the September 10 meeting, the City Commission also approved the hiring of five additional police officers.

The new budget reflects a fiscal approach centered on eliminating debt, avoiding new debt, operating efficiently and directing City resources toward essential services. Von Ormy will enter the new fiscal year with a zero municipal property tax rate, no City debt, increased police staffing, major road funding and continued investment in sewer infrastructure.

ABOUT THE CITY OF VON ORMY

Incorporated in 2008, the City of Von Ormy is a Type C general-law municipality in southwest Bexar County, Texas. The City is governed by a three-member City Commission consisting of the Mayor and two City Commissioners.

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