CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 7:00 P.M.
Blue Ridge City Hall
108 W. James Street

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026, AT THE BLUE RIDGE CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 108 W. JAMES ST., BLUE RIDGE, TEXAS WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION.

NOTICE OF ATTENDANCE

Notice is hereby given that some or all members of the Blue Ridge Economic Development Corporation or the Blue Ridge Community Development Corporation may attend the Blue Ridge City Council meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum from either Board. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed a meeting of the City Council. No action will be taken by the Blue Ridge Economic Development Corporation nor the Blue Ridge Community Development Corporation at this meeting of the Blue Ridge City Council.

1. Call to order, Roll Call
2. Prayer and Pledges of Allegiance
3. Public Comment: This is an opportunity for the public to address the Council on any matter included on the agenda, except public hearings. Comments related to public hearings will be heard when the specific hearing begins. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless the speaker requires the assistance of a translator, in which case the speaker is limited to six (6) minutes, in accordance with applicable law. To address the Council, speakers MUST complete a Speaker Form and provide it to the City Secretary PRIOR to the start of the meeting. Each speaker shall approach the front of the Council and state his/her name and street address before speaking. Speakers shall address the Council with civility that is conducive to appropriate public discussion. The public cannot speak from the gallery but only from the front of the Council. Per the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. The Council may: (1) make a statement of fact regarding the item; (2) make a recitation of existing policy; or (3) propose the item be placed on a future agenda, in accordance with Council procedures.
4. Consider, discuss, and act upon Ordinance No. 2026-0922-001 adopting the 2026 ad valorem property tax rate for the City of Blue Ridge for Fiscal Year 2026–2027, including separate approval of the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate of $0.286998 per $100 valuation and the Debt

Service (I&S) tax rate of $0.035555 per $100 valuation, for a total tax rate of $0.322553 per $100 valuation.

2. Discussion of placing items on future agendas

6. Adjournment

Certified this the 16th day of September, 2026

Rhonda Williams
Mayor, City of Blue Ridge

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code including, Sections: 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development), 418.183 (Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues) and as authorized by the Texas Tax Code including, but not limited to, Section 321.3022 (Sales Tax Information)

This facility is wheelchair accessible. Request for accommodations or sign interpretative services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the city secretary's office at 972-752-5791 for further information.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this notice was posted in the regular posting place of the City Hall building for Blue Ridge, Texas, in a place and manner convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted September 16th, 2026 by 5:00P.M. and remained so posted continuously at least 72 hours proceeding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Joni Lawrence, City Secretary

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-0922-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, TEXAS, FIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR TAX YEAR 2026 FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, TEXAS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; SEPARATELY APPROVING THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX RATE AND THE DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE; APPORTIONING THE LEVY FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS AND DEBT SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Blue Ridge, Texas, adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 by Ordinance No. 2026-0909-001 on September 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 no-new-revenue tax rate for the City is $0.327334 per $100 of taxable value, and the 2026 voter-approval tax rate is $0.322553 per $100 of taxable value; and

WHEREAS, the City Council proposed a total ad valorem tax rate of $0.322553 per $100 of taxable value for Tax Year 2026, which does not exceed the City's no-new-revenue tax rate and does not exceed the City's voter-approval tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet calculates a voter-approval maintenance and operations rate of $0.286998 per $100 of taxable value and a current-year debt rate of $0.035555 per $100 of taxable value; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate was provided as required by applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the tax rates levied by this Ordinance are necessary to fund the maintenance and operations of the City and to provide for payment of the City's debt obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX RATE.

The City Council hereby separately approves and levies, for Tax Year 2026, a maintenance and operations (M&O) ad valorem tax rate of $0.286998 on each $100 of taxable value of all taxable property situated within the corporate limits of the City of Blue Ridge, Texas, and not exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.50 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A $100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY $-69.59.

SECTION 2. DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE.

The City Council hereby separately approves and levies, for Tax Year 2026, a debt service (interest and sinking, or I&S) ad valorem tax rate of $0.035555 on each $100 of taxable value of all taxable property situated within the corporate limits of the City of Blue Ridge, Texas, and not exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas. This rate is levied for the purpose of paying principal and interest on outstanding debt obligations of the City for which ad valorem tax revenues are pledged or otherwise required.

SECTION 3. TOTAL AD VALOREM TAX RATE.

The total ad valorem tax rate for Tax Year 2026 is hereby fixed and levied at $0.322553 on each $100 of taxable value, apportioned as follows:

PURPOSE	RATE PER $100
Maintenance & Operations (M&O)	$0.286998
Debt Service (I&S)	$0.035555
TOTAL TAX RATE	**$0.322553**

SECTION 4. ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION.

The taxes levied by this Ordinance shall be assessed and collected in the manner and at the times provided by the laws of the State of Texas. Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes shall accrue and be collected as provided by the Texas Tax Code and other applicable law.

SECTION 5. REPEALER.

All ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, policies, or provisions of the City in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval in accordance with applicable law.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Blue Ridge, Texas, this the 22nd day of September, 2026.

APPROVED:

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Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joni Lawrence, City Secretary