

**Austin County ESD #3 Fiscal Year 2025-
2026 Budget Cover Page**

This budget will raise less revenue from property taxes than last Year's budget by an amount of \$-1,213, which is a -0.67 percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$6,695.

The following members voting for, against, and present but not voting are as follows below.

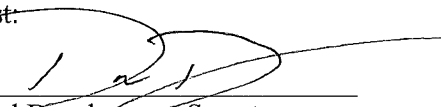
	Present	Absent	For	Against	Abstain
Dennis Kulhanek	✓		✓		
Tony Salazar	✓		✓		
John Alfred	✓		✓		
Chris Nanez	✓		✓		
Daniel Dronberger	✓		✓		

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 15th day of September 2025.

AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY
SERVICES DISTRICT NO.3

By: 
Dennis Kulhanek - President

Attest:

By: 
Daniel Dronberger - Secretary

Property Tax Rate Comparison

	2025-2026	2024-2025
Property Tax Rate:	\$0.07592/100	\$0.08174/100
No-New-Revenue Tax Rate:	\$0.07268/100	\$0.07800/100
No-New-Revenue Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate:	\$0.07336/100	\$0.07800/100
Voter-Approval Tax Rate:	\$0.07592/100	\$0.08174/100
Debt Rate:	\$0.00000/100	\$0.00000/100

Total debt obligation for Austin County ESD #3 secured by property taxes: \$0.

Austin County Emergency Services District #3

2025 - 2026 Budget

Projected Revenue:

Property Tax / Penalties / Interest	\$ 179,560.00	
Unemcombured Reserves	\$ 189,505.70	Ending Account Balance As of 8/29/2025

Total Revenue **\$ 369,065.70**

Projected Expenditures:

Advertising	\$ 5,000.00
Audit Fee	\$ 9,000.00
Austin County Appraisal District Allocation & Collection Fees	\$ 15,000.00
Bank Charges ESD: Checks, Safe Deposit Box, Monthly Fees	\$ 200.00
Board Education Training	\$ 7,000.00
Dishonest / Surety Bond	\$ 600.00
Dues & Membership Fees	\$ 400.00
P.O. Box Rent / Postage	\$ 125.00
Legal	\$ 2,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00
Worker's Comp Insurance (TML)	\$ 15,000.00
Web Page	\$ 1,300.00

Service Contract - Wallis Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 60,000.00
Field Truck Conversion Cost	\$ 175,000.00

Expenditures Sub-Total: **\$ 294,625.00**

ESD #3 - Unappropriated Contingency	\$ 74,440.70
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Total Expenditures: **\$ 369,065.70**

ESD #3 Taxpayer Impact Statement for Median –Value Homestead Property Section 551.043(c), Texas Government Code

Median Taxable Homestead Value Fiscal Year 2024-2025: \$148,466

Median Taxable Homestead Value Current Year 2025-2026: \$164,513

Current Year	If Budget is Adopted with Rate Other than NNRR	If Balanced Budget is Adopted with NNRR
\$121.35	\$124.89	\$119.56
Tax Rate- .08174	Tax Rate- .07592	Tax Rate- .07268

Notice About 2025 Tax Rates

Property tax rates in Austin County ESD #3.

This notice concerns the 2025 property tax rates for Austin County ESD #3. This notice provides information about two tax rates used in adopting the current tax year's tax rate. The no-new-revenue tax rate would impose the same amount of taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. In most cases, the voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate a taxing unit can adopt without holding an election. In each case, these rates are calculated by dividing the total amount of taxes by the current taxable value with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

This year's no-new-revenue tax rate	\$0.07268/\$100
This year's voter-approval tax rate	\$0.07592/\$100

To see the full calculations, please visit <https://austincountyesd3.org> for a copy of the Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit's accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Fund	Balance
	0

Current Year Debt Service

The following amounts are for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from upcoming property tax revenues *(or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable)*.

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2025 debt service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in unencumbered funds				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2025				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2025				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual no-new-revenue and voter-approval calculations as certified by Tina Swonke, RTA Austin County Appraisal District, Registered Tax Assessor on 09/02/2025 .

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.