

# **May Special Election**

#### One-Half Cent Sales and Use Tax for Street Maintenance and Repair

The City of Alamo Heights will hold an election on Saturday, May 3, 2025, asking voters to reauthorize the one-half of one percent sales and use tax to continue to provide revenue for the maintenance and repair of existing city streets. This tax was first approved and adopted by citizens in 2008.

The State of Texas allows municipalities to collect a sales and use tax exclusively for the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing public street (Tax Code Chapter 327.006). This same law currently requires that voters reauthorize the tax every four years.

The one-half cent sales and use tax will generate approximately \$847,000 each year, allowing the City to address the funding challenge associated with the maintenance of the City's infrastructure.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What is the current sales tax rate?

The current sales and use tax rate in Alamo Heights is 8.25%, of which 6.25% goes to the state, 1% to the City, .5% to the City Street Maintenance Fund and .5% to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority.

#### How much will this increase the current sales tax amount?

If approved, the sales and use tax rate would not increase the current sales and use tax. This proposition reauthorizes the current collection of one-half of one percent sales and use tax dedicated for street maintenance and repair. The highest sales tax allowed by state law is 8.25%. Non-residents who purchase goods in Alamo Heights and utilize the City streets would share the cost in maintaining/repairing the streets through the sales tax.

#### Can the tax collected for street maintenance and repair be used for any project?

State law requires the one-half cent sales and use tax to be spent only on the maintenance and repair of the streets that exist at the time of the election. The funds cannot be used for the construction of NEW roadways or sidewalks.

#### How will street maintenance be performed?

In 2007, the City established a 20-year Street Maintenance Program which schedules the maintenance and repair of all City streets. In 2008, the City began collecting a dedicated Street Maintenance sales tax and has collected \$6.9 million as of September 2024. With the dedicated street Maintenance sales tax revenue, bond funds and general fund transfers, the City has completed a total of \$11,063,915 street projects as of September 2024. The one-half of one percent would generate approximately \$847,000 in total dedicated street maintenance revenue during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

## BRIEFS

#### **SEWER AVERAGE**

Reminder: The new 2024/2025 Winter Average Sewer Rate will be in effect and reflected on your April bill.

Winter Averaging monitors the amount of water you use during three complete billing cycles. The City uses the months of November, December, and January consumption.

Questions about your sewer charge should be directed to Joann Broz, Utility Billing Coordinator at 210-882 -1507 or jbroz@alamoheightstx.gov.

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# CITY Calendar

### MARCH

Monday, March 3 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 10 City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.



Tuesday, March 18 Architectural Review Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 24 City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.

## **May General Election**

The **General Election** has been **cancelled** due to unopposed candidates. The following were declared elected to office:

#### Two-year terms:

Mayor—Al Honigblum Councilmember Place 1—Lawson Jesse Councilmember Place 2—Karl P. Baker One-year term to fill an unexpired term: Councilmember Place 5—Trey Jacobson



This month, the City of Alamo Heights is kicking off a new recycling campaign with Balcones Recycling. A recycling guide and reminder stickers will be placed on the green recycling cart. Both of these resources will guide residents to identify accepted recycling materials. Contaminants found in recycling carts will be noted on the friend-ly reminder left on the cart. Please rinse out materials before placing in green recycling cart. When in doubt, throw in garbage cart. A recycling guide is also available at www.alamoheightstx.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste/. Please note that recycling schedule pickup is **not** changing. If you have any questions, contact Public Works Director Frank Orta at 210-882-1506.





# ALAMO HEIGHTS

#### USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

911 for EMERGENCY Fire/EMS (Non-Emergency): 210-824-1281 Police (Non-Emergency): 210-822-3321 Administration and Finance: 210-822-3331 Public Works: 210-882-1518 Water: 210-882-1507 Community Development: 210-826-0516 Court Clerk: 210-882-1501