

CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. 25-2144

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS, URGING THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO REFRAIN FROM RAISING PROPERTY TAXES ON LAGO VISTA RESIDENTS FOR FLOOD RECOVERY AND TO INSTEAD PURSUE IMMEDIATE BUDGETARY EFFICIENCIES AND STATE SUPPORT DURING THE ONGOING LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION.

WHEREAS, the City of Lago Vista recognizes the severe damage and tragic loss of life caused by the July 2025 flood disaster in Travis County, including significant impacts to roads, bridges, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Travis County has proposed increasing its property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026 in a manner that would result in an estimated \$200.64 increase to the average homeowner's tax bill, of which \$71.66 is directly attributed to disaster-related spending; and

WHEREAS, under Texas Tax Code §26.042, the Governor's disaster declaration enables the County to exceed the standard 3.5% voter approval tax cap without voter consent, allowing an effective tax increase of 9.12% to generate approximately \$42 million in one-time revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Travis County FY 2026 Preliminary Budget was nearly finalized before the flood occurred and includes more than \$2.2 billion in expenditures across all funds, including new staff, programs, and discretionary capital investments; and

WHEREAS, fiscal responsibility requires that all non-essential or deferrable expenditures be reevaluated before imposing new tax burdens on residents already impacted by economic uncertainty and rising property valuations; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature is currently convened in Special Session to address flood response and disaster-related needs, presenting a timely and critical opportunity for county officials to seek immediate state assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Lago Vista believes that the most appropriate and effective way to fund disaster recovery is through a combination of:

- Strategic reductions or postponements in non-emergency spending;
- Prioritization of existing reserves and fund balances;

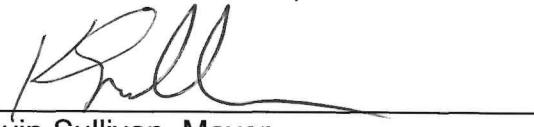
- Proactive pursuit of state and federal disaster recovery funds, including FEMA reimbursements and legislative appropriations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS, THAT:

1. The City of Lago Vista respectfully urges the Travis County Commissioners Court **not to adopt a property tax increase** beyond the standard voter approval rate in FY 2026 until all internal cost savings, program deferrals, and reserve reallocations have been fully considered.
2. The City further urges the Travis County Commissioners Court to **immediately advocate at the Texas Capitol** during the ongoing Special Legislative Session to secure direct state funding for flood recovery and infrastructure repairs.
3. The City recommends that Travis County identify and defer lower-priority spending in the proposed FY 2026 budget — including, but not limited to:
 - o Non-emergency capital outlay projects,
 - o Departmental expansions unrelated to disaster response,
 - o Administrative program increases that could be phased in over time.
4. The City Secretary is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Travis County Judge and each County Commissioner, as well as to state legislative representatives and relevant stakeholders in the Texas Capitol.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of August, 2025.

CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS


Kevin Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Annie Quinn
City Secretary

On a motion by Councilor Benefield, seconded by Councilor Jakum, the above and foregoing instrument was passed and approved.