DEVELOPMENT TASKFORCE

August 20, 2025



CITY DEPARTMENTS:

Development Services

CCW

Public Works

Solid Waste

Engineering Services

Parks & Recreation

Planning & Community Development

Economic Development

Fire

Gas

IGR

Budget



Amendments to Corpus Christi Code, Section 55-70 and Section 55-71 Revision to Water and Wastewater Utility Tap Fees as follows:



Fees in which the developer has installed the service lines when the subdivision was constructed and requiring only a meter to be set by Corpus Christi Water department

| Size | Fee |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch | \$ 185.90 |
| 3/4 inch | From \$201.30 to \$369.34 |
| 1 inch | From \$250.80 to \$439.74 |
| 1 ½ inch | \$687.74 |
| 2 inches | \$858.74 |
| >2 inches | Determined based upon time and cost of work and material |

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Additional information

- To require payment in full upon application
- To provide that commercial taps will be installed by contractor
- To provide that right-of-way fees and street cut costs are not included and are separately charged from the tap fee
- To establish meter set fees when the developer has installed the service line
- To provide that water and wastewater utility tap fees will be determined based upon time and cost of work and materials, effective January 1, 2026



Amending Corpus Christi Code, Section 55-56 Revision of Temporary Construction Water Service Charges

- Temporary water service customers shall post a \$1,500.00 deposit to cover costs the City will incur for a replacement meter
 - Currently \$600.00
- If the meter is returned to the City, customer will receive \$1,475.00 refund on the deposit and be charged a \$25.00 set fee
 - Currently a \$590.00 refund and a \$10.00 set fee
- Effective January 1, 2026





FY 2026 Proposed Operating Budget

Overview

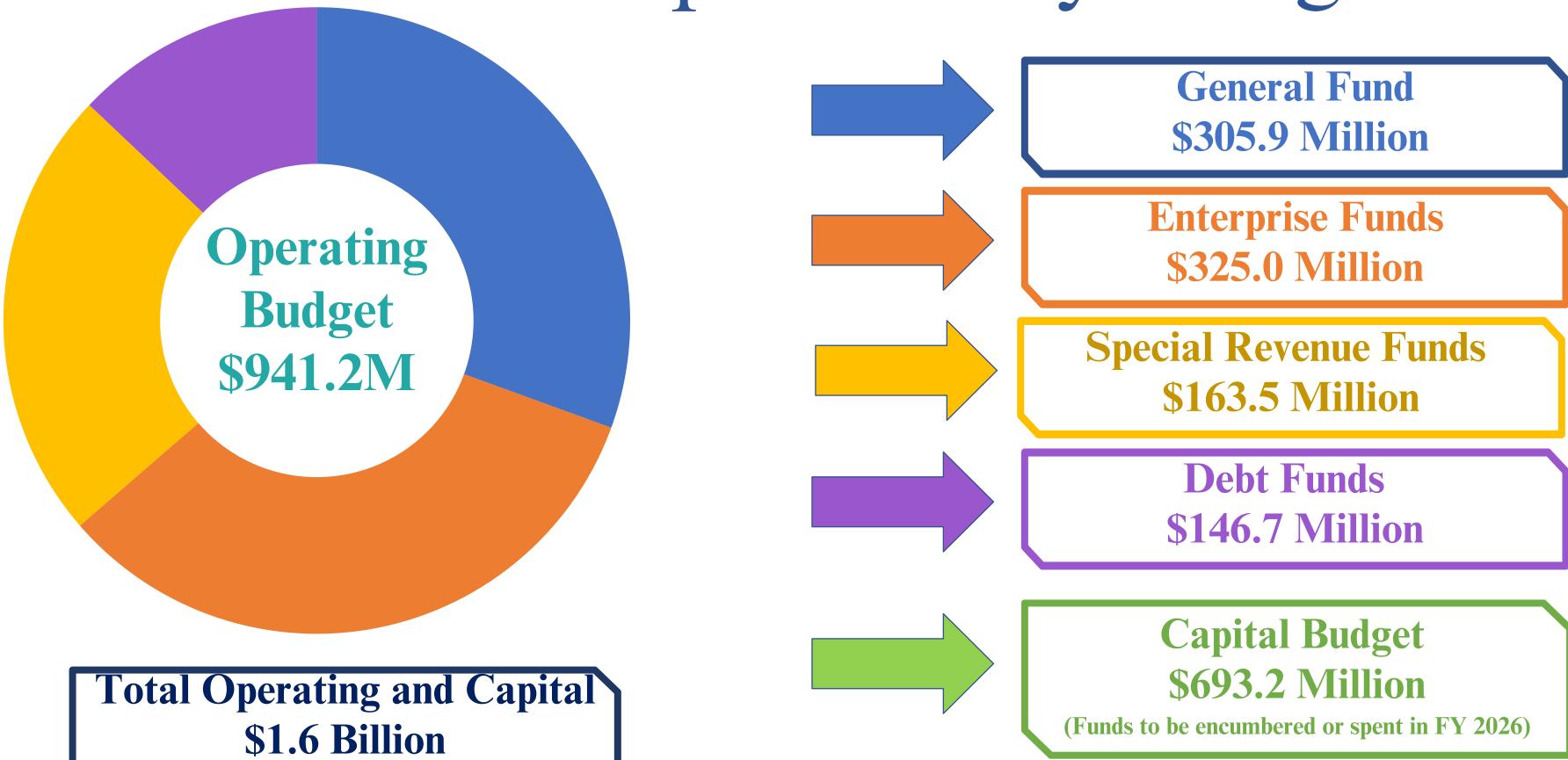








FY 2026 Proposed City Budget

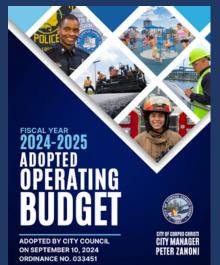


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FY 2026 Proposed Budget

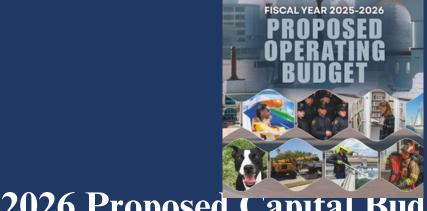
FY 2025 Adopted Operating Budget \$990.7 Million

FY 2026 Proposed Operating Budget \$941.2 Million

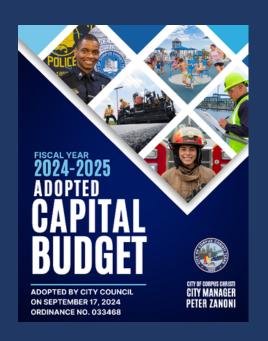


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Decrease

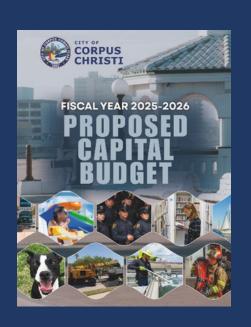
FY 2025 Adopted Capital Budget \$867.6 Million



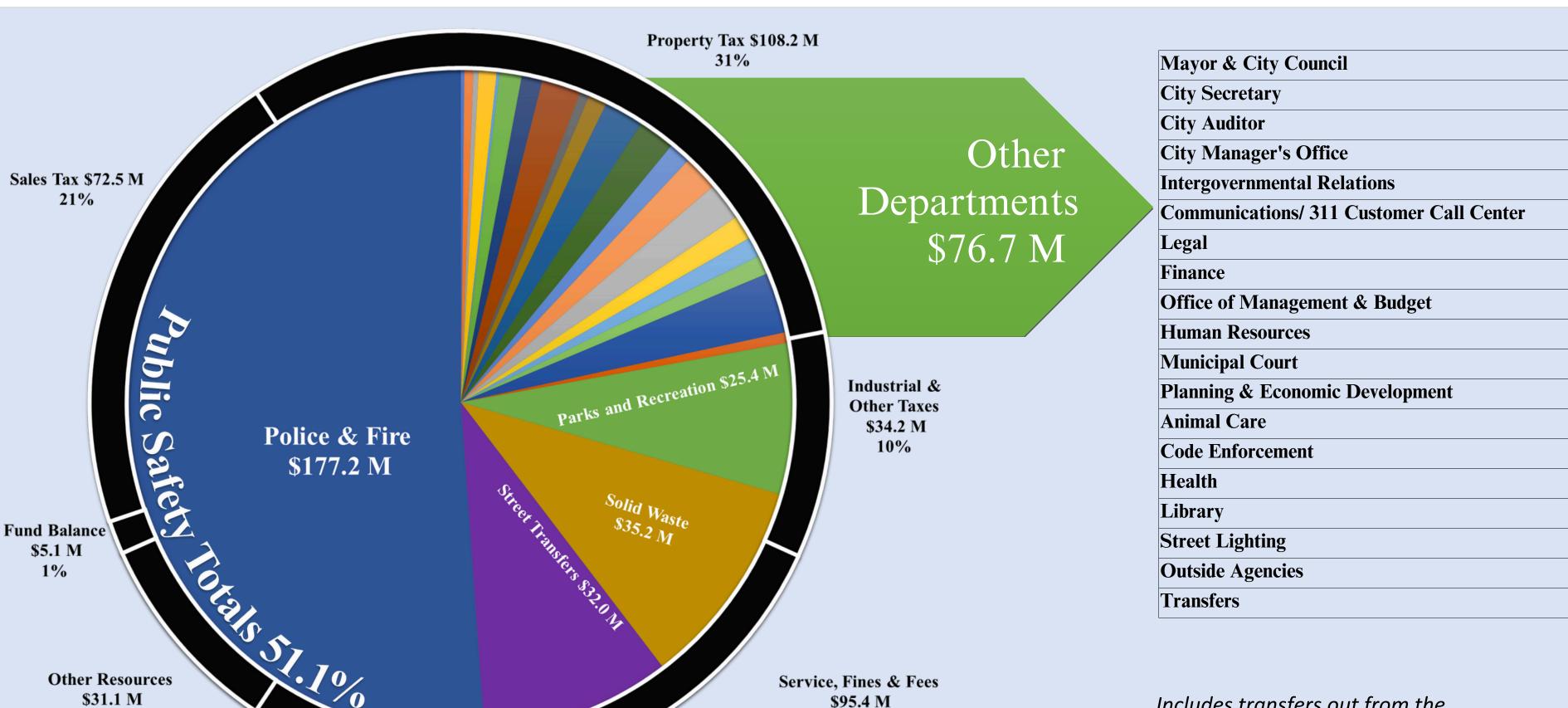
FY 2026 Proposed Capital Budget \$693.2 Million



20% Decrease



FY 2026 General Fund Budget: \$346.5 Million



28%

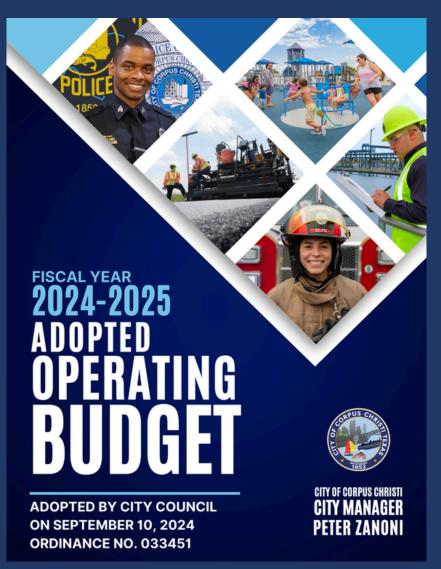
9%

Includes transfers out from the general fund

General Fund FY 2026 Proposed Budget

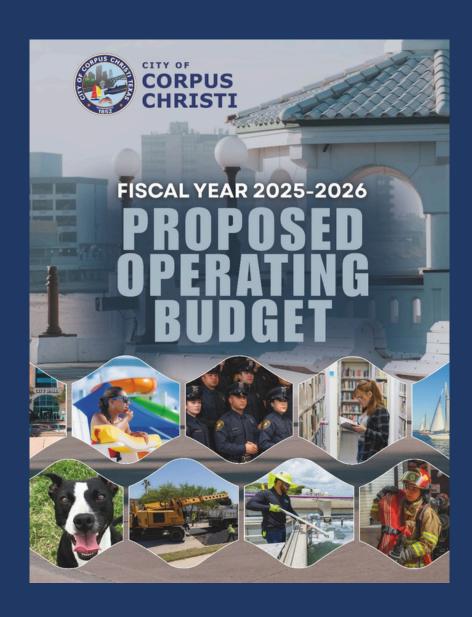
FY 2025 Adopted Budget \$343.8 Million*

FY 2026 Proposed Budget \$ 346.5 Million*



0.8% Increase

* Includes transfers out from the general fund



FY 2026 GENERAL FUND OVERVIEW

| | POLICE | FIRE | PARKS & REC | ANIMAL CARE | MAYOR & COUNCIL CITY SECRETARY | CITY MANAGER | CITY AUDITOR | CITY ATTORNEY | SOLID WASTE | CODE | PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | HUMAN RESOURCES | COMMUNICATIONS | INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS | FINANCE | MUNICIPAL | НЕАLTН | LIBRARY |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| MANDATED INCREASES | ② | ② | ② | | | | | | ② | | | | | | | | | |
| ENHANCEMENTS | ② | ② | ② | 9 | | | ② | | | | O | ② | | | ② | | | |
| REDUCTIONS | O | O | ② | | ② | ② | | O | | O | O | ② | ② | | | 9 | ② | O |
| REVENUE CHANGES | O | O | O | ② | | | | | | ② | | | | | | | | |

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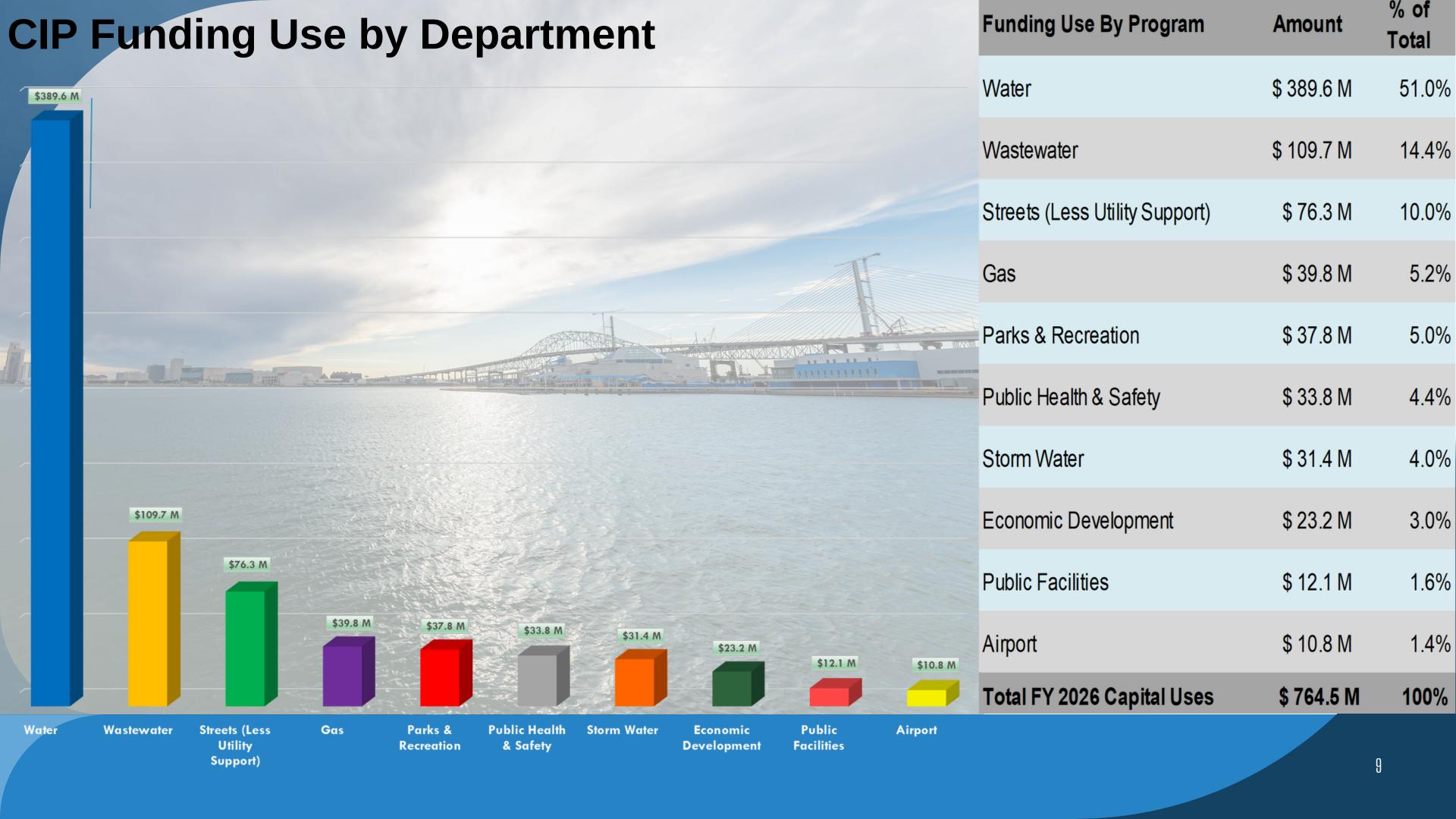
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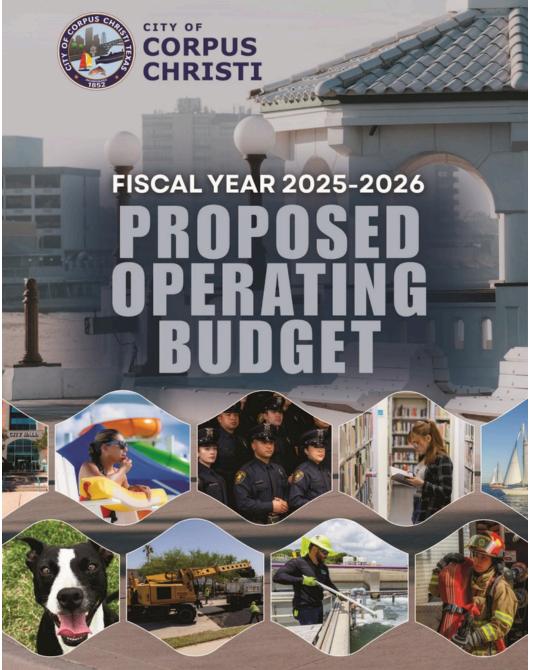




FY 2026 Budget Workshops

| Date | Time | Topics |
|--|-----------|--|
| Thursday, August 7, 2025 Council Chambers | 9am - 1pm | FY 2026 All Funds Budget Overview and FY 2026 General Fund Proposed Budget |
| Wednesday, August 13, 2025 Council Chambers | 9am - 1pm | CCW FY 2026 Operating Budget, CIP, and Proposed Rates |
| Thursday, August 21, 2025 Council Chambers | 9am - 1pm | Public Works: Streets and Storm Water |
| Thursday, August 28, 2025 Council Chambers | 9am - 1pm | Remaining CIP Program, Budget Wrap-Up |





Community Input Sessions

Thu. 7 Aug., 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

> District 3 at Corpus Christi Gym (Natatorium)



Thu. 14 Aug., 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

District 5 at CCPD Training Academy



Wed. 20 Aug., 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

District 1 at Northwest Senior Center at West Guth



Wed. 27 Aug., 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

District 2 at
Greenwood Senior Center
and Watch-Party at
Lindale Senior Center

District 4 at Ethel Eyerly Senior Center Wed. 13 Aug.,

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

District 4 at Seashore Learning Center (Island)

Mon. 18 Aug., 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM District 1 at
Orveal William Senior
Center

Mon. 25 Aug., 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM





DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

MICHAEL DICE

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Budget

 CIAC recommendation moving UDC Amendment forward Update

• Electrical Code Updates

PERMITSISSUED



| PERMITS | | | | | | | |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date | Single-Family Permits Issued | Single-Family CO's Issued | | | | | |
| 8/1/23-08/1/24 | 1,035 | 969 | | | | | |
| 8/1/24-08/1/25 | 1,329 | 1,207 | | | | | |



BUDGET



 Re-roof inspection will have an option to opt out of City inspection. Opting out will reduce the permit cost by \$100.00

- Remove backflow fees from DSD fee schedule. Incorporate in CCW's fee schedule.
- Change the existing processing fee 0.5% (half of one percent) of amount requested for Deferment, Reimbursement and a Participation to a flat fee of \$2,500.00.



ELECTRICAL CODE UPDATES

- The 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) is adopted with local amendments.
- Definitions
- Electrical Inspector: Now defined as an individual designated by the building official.
- Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) Protection Section 210.8(A)
- Expanded GFCI requirements for **125–250V receptacles** in dwelling units.
- New exceptions added for:
 - Outdoor receptacles used for snow-melting or deicing systems.
 - Fire/burglar alarm systems in basements.
- Clarified locations include:
 - Bathrooms, garages, kitchens, crawl spaces, boathouses, laundry areas, and indoor damp/wet locations.
- Bathroom Branch Circuits Section 210.11(C)(3)
- Allows **up to three** 120V, 20A circuits for bathroom receptacles and work surfaces.
- Section 210.52(C)(3) (kitchen counter spacing) is deleted.



ELECTRICAL CODE UPDATES

- Commercial Receptacles Section 210.53
- Requires 1 receptacle every 20 feet along interior walls in commercial buildings (excluding storage rooms).
- Service Disconnects Section 230.70
- Must be:
 - **Readily accessible** (outside or near service entrance).
 - Not located in bathrooms.
 - Marked and suitable for conditions.
- **New requirement:** Minimum **22,000-amp fault current protection** for service entrance equipment (except temporary loops).
- Surge Protection Section 242.14(C)
- Type 2 Surge Protective Devices (SPDs) not required for single-family homes.
- Panel Requirements Sections 408.24 & 408.25
- Spare raceway (1-inch) required from each panel to an accessible location.
 - Exceptions for inaccessible areas or unfinished walls/ceilings.
- New panels must include at least one spare space for future expansion.

CIAC recommended moving the UDC amendment forward with the following updates:

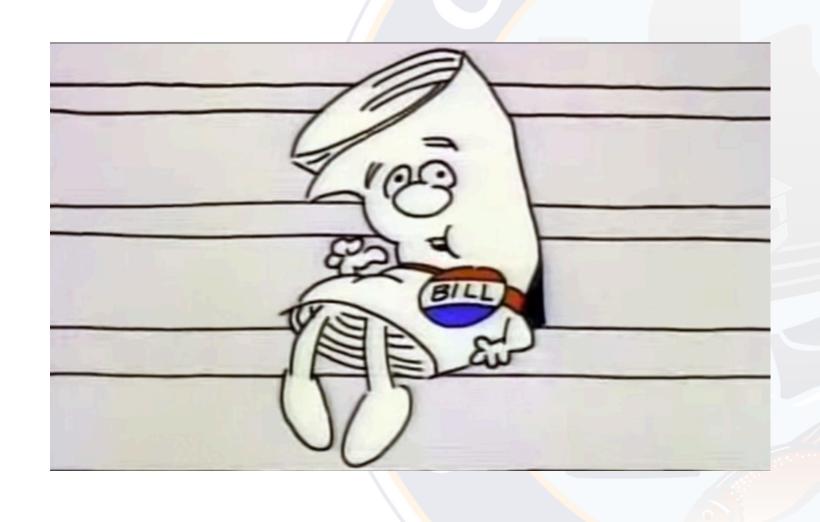


- Developer Reimbursement Agreements:
- Developers must complete City-approved water improvements within 12 months of agreement approval. If not completed:
 - The Director of Development Services may extend the agreement once (12 months), terminate it, withhold plat recording or occupancy certificates, or pursue other legal remedies.
 - Extension authority depends on project completion:
 - >50% complete: Director of DSD may approve.
 - <50% complete: Assistant City Manager (ACM) of DSD may approve.</p>
 - If denied, the developer may request City Council reconsideration.
- Fee Adjustments:
- The automatic annual increase of fees based on the August Construction Cost Index (CCI) **may** occur each October 1, rather than being mandatory, allowing for greater flexibility in budget planning.

CIAC also recommended no fee adjustments at this time and requested that fees be reconsidered in FY27 to allow the UDC changes to balance the Trust Funds.



Texas State Legislature



- Meets every two years (89th Legis.)
- 140-day session (regular)
- 8,898 bills filed
- 14% passed (1,250 bills)
- Wide range of committees
- Many bills focus on municipal issues

UDC Text Amendments

- Definition Adjustments:
 - Family (SB1567), Home Occupations (SB541), Manufactured Homes (SB1341)
- SB 15
 - To be eligible, the property must be 5 acres in size and unplatted and zoned for single-family residences.
 - Lots are 3,000 square feet, wider than 30 feet, and deeper than 75 feet.
 - Setbacks: 15' front, 10' rear, 5' sides.
 - Development cannot be located within the AICUZ/Military Overlay.
- SB 840 and SB 2477 (Mixed Use Uses and Office Building Conversions)
 - Developments in a zoning district that allow office, commercial, retail, warehouse, or mixed-use use or development as an allowed use.
 - Cannot be in "IH" District and/or AICUZ/MCAOD.
- Public Notices (HB 24)
 - 200' Radius and 20%, Housing Increase 60% Opposed, Signs: 8 sq. ft.

Amendments Briefing

UDC Amendments Briefing (Legislative Actions) to Planning Commission 8/20/2025

Background

- 89th Texas Legislature
- 8,898 bills filed
- o 14% passed (1,250 bills)

HB 2464 (Effective Immediately) Amends UDC Section 5.3.2.F

- Adds a definition for "No impact home-based business"
- o Allows more home occupations with limitations (occupancy, parking, etc.).

HB 24 (Effective September 1st) Amends UDC Section 3.1.7

- o Keeps a 200-foot notification area and 20% threshold for most rezonings
- o Increases opposition threshold to 60% if the rezoning increases housing.
- o Enlarges public notice signs to eight square feet.

SB 599 (Effective Immediately) Amends UDC Section 5.2.4

- Adds a definition for "Group Day-Care Homes"
- o States that a municipality cannot add standards greater than those set by the State of Texas.

HB 3866 (September 1st) Amends UDC Section 5.2

- Adds a definition for "Intermediate Bulk Container Recycling Center"
- The facility cannot be located within 2,000 feet of a residence.

SB 15 (September 1st) Amends UDC Section 4.3

- To be eligible, the property must be 5 acres in size and unplatted and zoned for single-family residences
- o Lots are 3,000 square feet, wider than 30 feet, and deeper than 75 feet.
- Setbacks: 15' front, 10' rear, 5' sides.
- Development cannot be located within the AICUZ/Military Overlay.

SB 840 (September 1st) Amends UDC Section 4.3

- o Concerning the allowance of Mixed-Use and Multifamily Uses
- Developments in a zoning district that allow office, commercial, retail, warehouse, or mixed-use use or development as an allowed use.

SB 1341 (September 1st) Amends UDC Section 1.11

- Amends the definition of a "Manufactured Home" and a "HUD Code Manufactured Home"
- Definition set by 42 U.S.C. Section 5402(6), which states what a manufactured home is (i.e., size, shape, chassis, foundation, wind loads, etc.).

SB 1567 (September 1st) Amends UDC Section 1.11

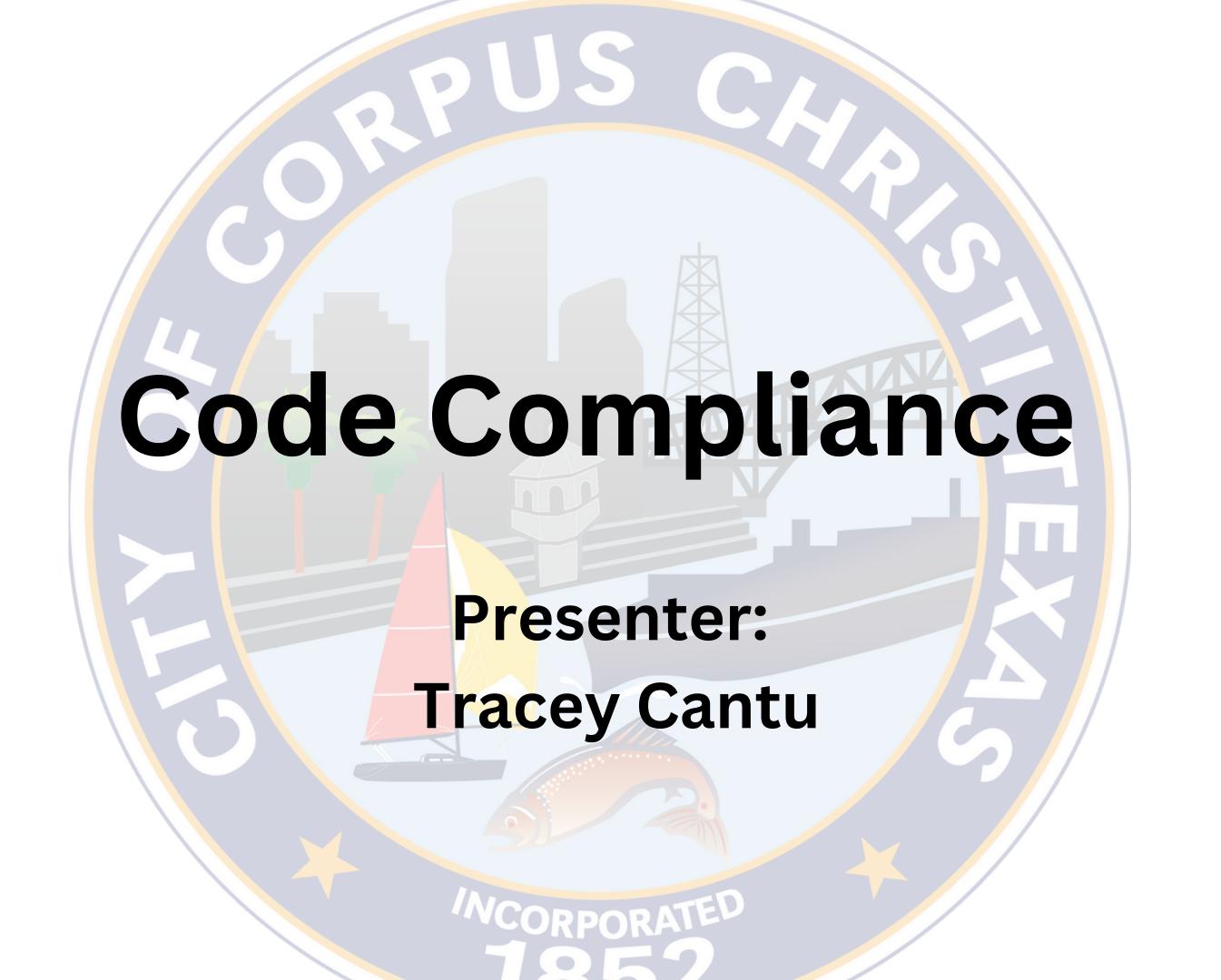
- Amends the definition of "Family"
- o Defaults occupancy standards to the International Residential Code (IRC)

SB 2477 (September 1st) Amends UDC Section 5.2

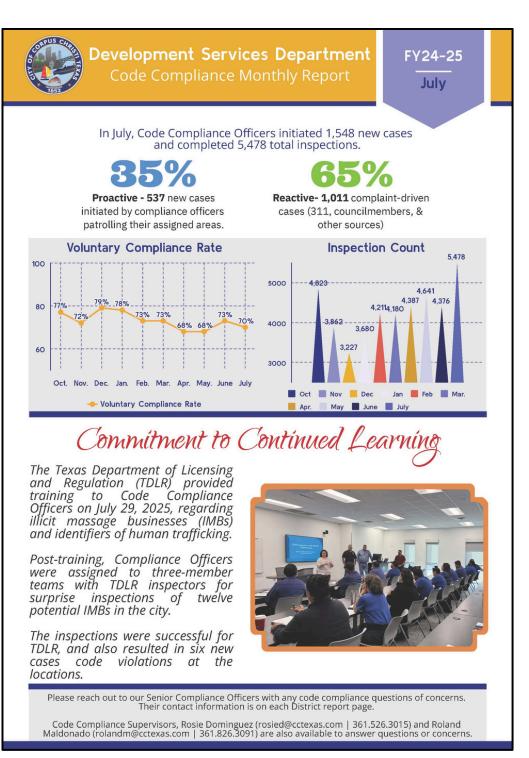
- Adds specifications for the conversion of an office building to mixed-use.
- Cannot be in "IH" District and/or AICUZ/MCAOD.

SB 541 (September 1st) Amends UDC Section 5.3.2.F

- Amends the definition of "Cottage Food Industry"
- Now includes non-profit organizations as a home business.

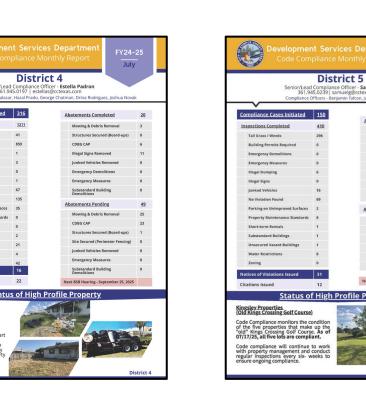


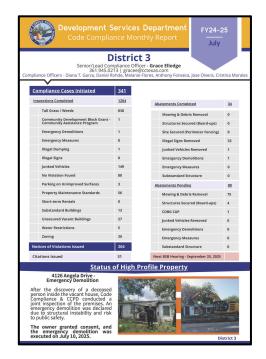
JULY CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT













<u>https://www.corpuschristitx.gov/department-directory/development-services/code-compliance/code-compliance-monthly-reports/</u>

Vacant Building Registration Program Overview



Executive Summary

- Vacant buildings make up nearly 20% of code violation cases, posing risks like crime and fire hazards.
- These properties strain city resources, requiring frequent police, fire, and code compliance responses.
- The abatement budget was cut in half for FY 2025—from \$600K to \$300K, limiting the city's ability to manage these issues.
- A proposed vacant building registration program aims to:
 - Generate revenue to offset maintenance and demolition costs
 - Promote public safety
 - Combat blight and deterioration
 - Preserve property values and neighborhood stability
- Similar programs have shown success in San Antonio and El Paso.

The Opportunity

- Current Challenge: Code Compliance struggles to identify responsible contacts for vacant properties.
- Proposed Solution: A registration program would:
 - Require owners to register buildings vacant for 30+ days
 - Mandate a point of contact, plus a plan and timeline to bring the property up to code and reoccupy it

Benefits:

- Establishes clear communication channels
- Encourages responsible maintenance
- Speeds up resolution of unsafe conditions
- Enables cost recovery for inspections, abatements, board-ups, and demolitions

This initiative shifts accountability to property owners and strengthens the city's ability to manage vacant structures efficiently.

Financial Impact

No implementation cost:

The program will be managed by existing Code Compliance staff, requiring no new funding.

• Fees:

- \$250 registration fee (residential & commercial)
- \$50 annual inspection fee
- First-time registrations are pro-rated
- Annual renewals due by January 31st

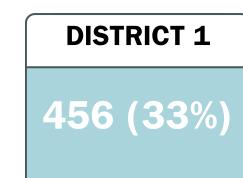
Revenue Potential:

With 1,380 known vacant buildings, projected annual revenue is \$414,000

Use of Funds:

- Revenue will support Code Compliance operations, including:
 - Property abatements
 - Mowing and clearing
 - Securing vacant buildings
 - Demolishing substandard structures

This model offers a self-sustaining way to reduce blight and improve neighborhood safety without burdening the city's general budget.



DISTRICT 3
271 (20%)

DISTRICT 4
167 (12%)

DISTRICT 5
80 (6%)

Ordinance Revisions

- Current Code: Section 13-3006 outlines an optional plan for vacant buildings.
- Proposed Change: Make registration mandatory for buildings vacant 30± days.

Registry Impact:

 Once registered, citations/complaints are suspended under Sec. 13-3006.b.1.

New Requirements for Owners:

- Provide accurate contact info
- Submit a rehabilitation plan and timeline
- Maintain the building and property regularly
- Comply with enforcement measures

Penalties:

- Failure to register within 30 days of notice may result in a citation
- Maximum fine: \$500

These revisions strengthen accountability and streamline enforcement while giving owners a clear path to compliance.

Routine Inspections:

 Code Compliance staff will continue inspecting vacant properties to ensure they're secure and properly maintained.

Program Implementation:

 Staff will identify qualifying structures, engage owners, and manage notification and registration.

Operations Plan

System Updates:

- A new case type for Vacant Building Registration (VBR) will be added in GovQA to support workflow tracking.
- A new permit type will be created in INFOR, allowing owners to register and pay fees through Development Services.

This plan leverages existing staff and systems to efficiently launch and manage the program without requiring additional resources.

Initial Inspection

Mail Correction Notice

30 Day
Follow-Up
Inspection

Annual Inspection

Maintenance Inspections

COMMENTS,
QUESTIONS,
SUGGESTIONS...

Next Development Taskforce Meeting Friday, October 17, 2025