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SPOTLIGHT Duncanville

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CITY CALENDAR SEPTEMBER

- 8: Concert in the Park (Sept. 8, 16, 22 & 29)
- 15: DuncanSwitch
- 18: City Council Regular Meeting

OCTOBER

- 2: City Council Regular Meeting
- 2: National Night Out
- 16: City Council Regular Meeting
- 20: DuncanSwitch
- 23: Town Hall Meeting (Tentative)
- 26: Boo Bash

NOVEMBER

- 6: 2018 Municipal Bond Election
- 6: City Council Regular Meeting
- 17: DuncanSwitch
- 20: City Council Regular Meeting
- 20: Thanksgiving Camp (Nov. 20-23)

2018 Municipal Bond Election

Bond Election Information

A 2018 Municipal Bond Election will be held on November 6 with early voting from Oct. 22 to Nov. 2.

Four propositions totaling \$21,600,000 will be voted on by Duncanville residents. **Proposed bond does not include a tax rate increase.**

Proposition A

\$6,600,000 general obligation bonds for Parks & Recreation facilities. **(Creation/expansion/replacement of bathroom facilities, Kidsville, splashpad, parking, concession stands, trails, lighting and pavilions at City parks).**

Proposition B

\$6,600,000 general obligation bonds for street improvements including sidewalk, alley and other traffic flow improvements.

Proposition C

\$6,000,000 general obligation bonds for firefighting facilities. **(Construction of new Central Fire Station).**

Proposition D

\$2,400,000 general obligation bonds for remodeling and renovating of existing municipal buildings. **(Public Works/Parks Service Center).**

Bond Election Background

On February 6, 2018, City Council passed Resolution No. 2018-019 establishing the Duncanville Citizen Bond Advisory Committee as an ad-hoc committee.

Nineteen members were appointed to evaluate community needs and make recommendations to City Council on potential capital improvement projects to be presented to voters. The first committee meeting was held on March 8, 2018.

The Committee spent three months discussing Duncanville's financial position and bond capacity along with potential projects.

During this time, they held a Public Town Hall Meeting (combined with budget input) and participated in a City Field Tour on April 12 and 14. Committee members toured City facilities, streets and parks to view current conditions, and discussed and evaluated more than 40 projects.

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- Crime Victim Advocate: 972.780.5037 ext. 0
- Hopkins Senior Center: 972.780.5073
- Jail: 972.780.5039
- Municipal Court: 972.780.5055
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- Personnel: 972.780.5095
- Police Administration: 972.780.5038
- Public Library: 972.780.5050
- Public Information: 972.780.5043
- Recreation Center: 972.780.5070
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Neighborly Practices with Parking

City streets belong to all residents of Duncanville - meaning any individual can utilize street parking in front of homes not belonging to them. However, if you have to park on the street, you can help alleviate parking problems with the following neighborly considerations:

- Try to limit off-street parking.
- Do not block driveways. Blocking driveways is prohibited in both the Texas Transportation Code (Section 545.302) and City Ordinance (Section 19-08).
- Do not block mailboxes. While not specifically prohibited, blocking mailboxes makes it very difficult for the postal carrier to pick-up and deliver mail. If possible, allow 15' clearance on either side.
- Do not block curb-side garbage on trash pick-up day. While not specifically prohibited, blocking access to the garbage makes it difficult for the trash collector to access garbage.
- Do not park on the sidewalk. Parking on the sidewalk makes it difficult for pedestrians to use the sidewalks. Parking on sidewalks is also prohibited by City Ordinance (Section 12-131).
- Park close to the curb. Vehicles should park in the same direction as the flow of traffic with the right tires within 18 inches from the curb - "head on" parking within cul-de-sacs is prohibited (Texas Transportation Code 545.303). Parking close to the curb allows the maximum road width to accommodate traffic. This is especially important for allowing emergency vehicle access.

Emergency vehicle access in the neighborhoods is usually not an issue for the Fire Department. The biggest challenge for the fire trucks is when turning. The Texas Transportation Code prohibits parking within 30 feet of a signed intersection (Section 545.302) and prohibits parking or obstructing an intersection (Section 545.302). Blocking intersections is also prohibited by City Ordinance (Section 19-8).

When the Fire Chief observes a section of road is impassible to emergency vehicles due to street parking, the Department of Public Works has a formal process to declare sections of roads as No Parking Zones. This process involves a public meeting where the affected residents are invited to attend.

Common Parking Violations

- No parking on the grass, or unimproved surfaces, in the front or side yards of residences. There is an exception if an existing residence was served by an unimproved driveway as of 01/18/2000 (City Ordinance section 12-131).
- No parking in fire lanes (City ordinance section 19-124).
- No parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection (Texas Transportation Code 545.302).
- No parking within 15 feet, either side of a fire hydrant (Texas Transportation Code 545.302; City Ordinance section 19-124).
- No parking within 30 feet on approach to a traffic signal, yield or stop sign (Texas Transportation Code 545.302).
- No parking in or obstruction of an intersection (Texas Transportation Code 545.302; City Ordinance section 19-48).
- No parking on a crosswalk (Texas Transportation Code 545.302).
- No parking in front of a driveway (Texas Transportation Code 545.302; City Ordinance section 19-8).
- No parking on a sidewalk (City ordinance section 12-131).
- No parking in city parks any place other than areas designated for parking (City ordinance section 12B-7).

Diagram 1, Parking is restricted in the following areas:

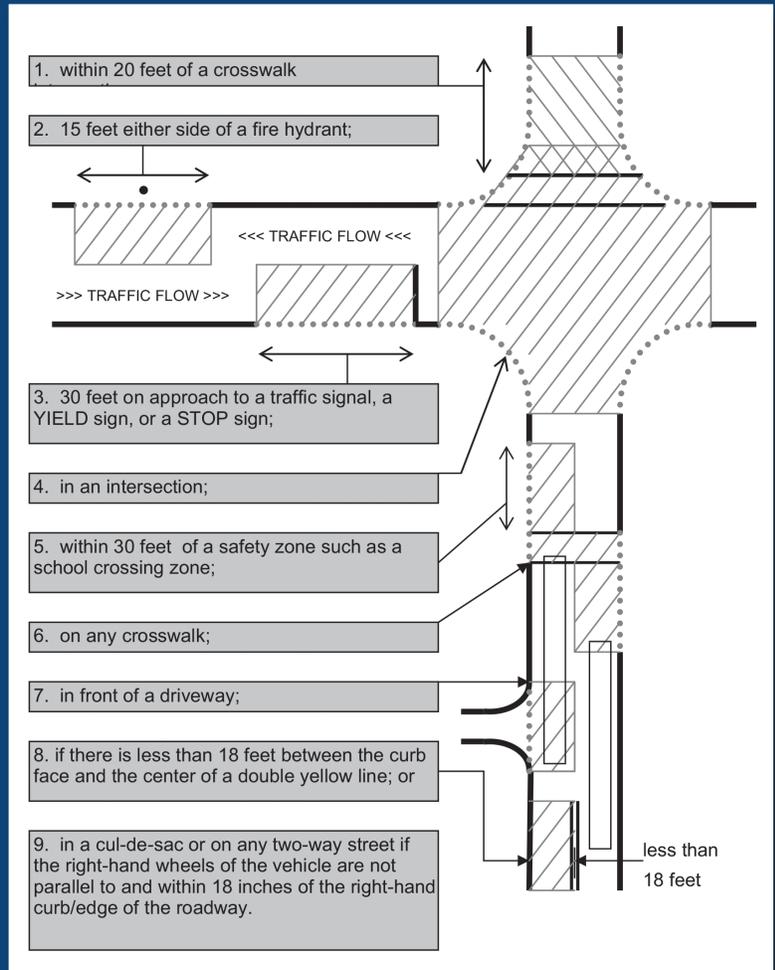


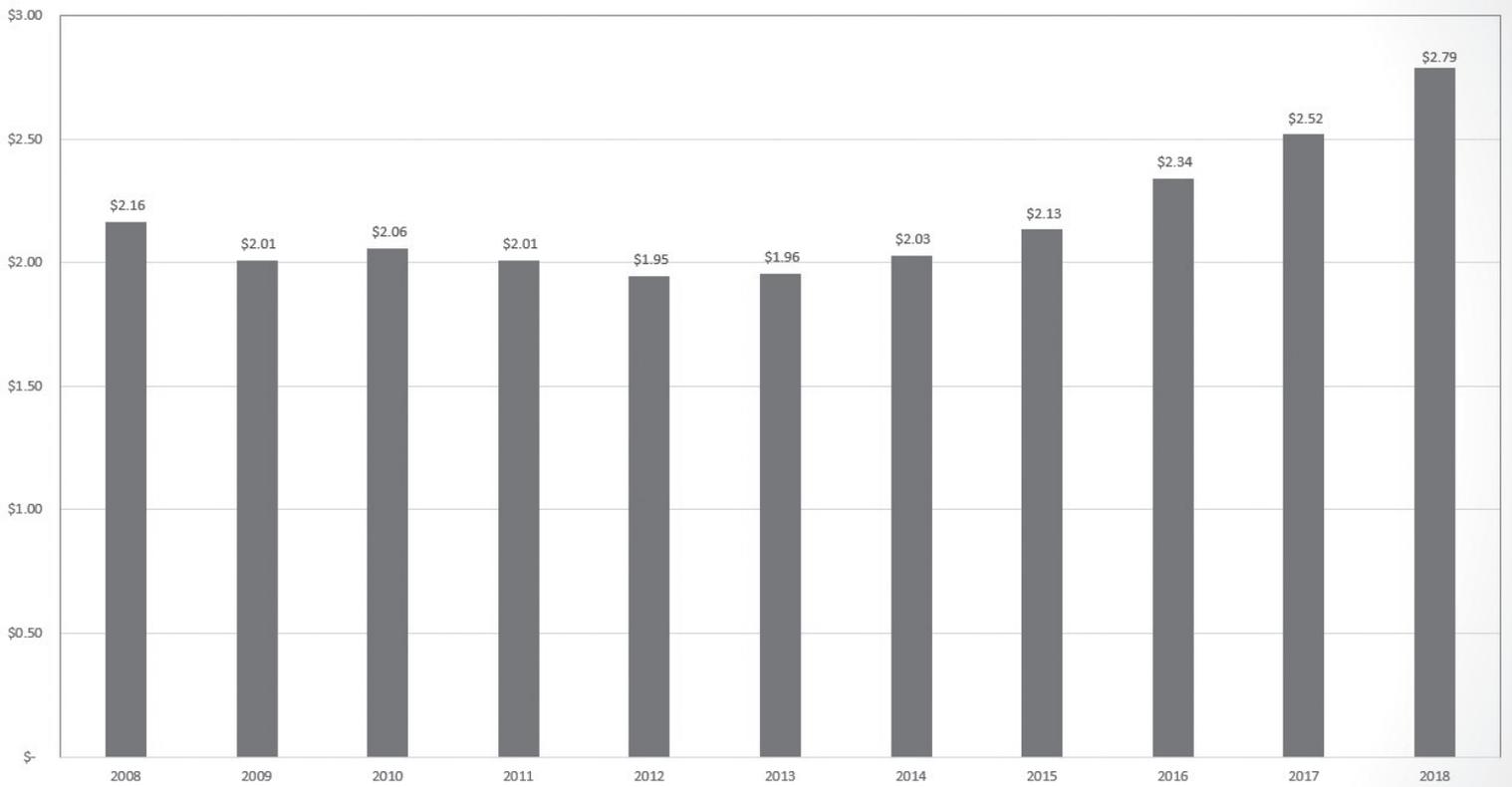
Diagram Source: City of Allen

City of Duncanville: Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget

Budget Highlights

- A proposed tax rate reduction of \$0.01, reducing the ad valorem property tax rate from \$0.758447 to \$0.748447.
- An increase of \$1.0 million over historical levels of funding in the street maintenance budget.
- A compensation adjustment of 3%, and a pay range adjustment of 5% for Fire/Police.
- A reduction of \$721,868 in fleet replacement contributions among all funds.
- Ability to fund \$2.6 million in one-time projects from excess fund reserves accumulated from prior years and from predicted FY 2019 excess fund reserves. This includes \$1.6 million allocated for replacement of aged and leaking roofs at several City facilities.
- **No proposed increases** for water, sewer or garbage collection rates for FY 2019.
- Funding of \$6,226,000 in Capital Improvement Projects related to water and wastewater line replacement, water and wastewater project construction design, water storage tank rehabilitation, drainage improvements and street construction design projects.

Daily Property Tax Paid on Average Single Family Residence



What Citizens get for \$2.79/Day or \$83.70/Month

- Police Protection
- Fire Protection
- Streets, sidewalks and traffic signals
- 17 parks, 13 playgrounds, 244 acres of park land
- Recreation Center
- Senior Center
- Public Library
- Code Enforcement
- Building and Health Inspections
- **All for about the same costs as your monthly cable bill or cell phone plan**



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City of Duncanville Earns Scenic City Certification

The City of Duncanville recently earned a Scenic City Certification with a bronze level certification through the Scenic City Certification Program, a project of Scenic Texas and its 15 Program Partner organizations. This is the first time Duncanville has received this certification.

The Scenic City Certification Program recognizes cities for their demonstrated commitment to high-quality scenic standards for public roadways and public spaces, and according to the Scenic City's website, this is the only program of its kind in the United States to devise a comprehensive set of model standards into one evaluation program. The program draws a direct correlation between the success of a city's economic development efforts and the visual appearance of its public spaces and recognizes municipalities that implement high-quality scenic standards efforts.

Duncanville will be publicly recognized as a Scenic City at a special reception during the Texas Municipal League's Annual Conference in Fort Worth. Duncanville will be one of four Texas cities in the state to earn first-time certification for 2018. Thirteen cities were recognized for the 2018 Certified Scenic City award. Currently, there are only 75 total certified cities in Texas.

To learn more about the Scenic City Certification Program, visit: www.sceniccitycertification.org. For more information about Duncanville or to learn about the City's services and events, visit: www.duncanville.com.

Bond Information Continued

After presentations from City staff, touring the City and its facilities, gathering information and two project scoring/determination meetings, the Bond Committee created a "Base" bond package with optional projects.

A joint meeting with City Council was held on July 12, 2018, where the Bond Committee presented their "Base" bond package and answered questions about each proposal. After additional meetings, City Council approved on August 20 calling for an election in November to consider four propositions totaling \$21,600,000.

For more information about the bond program, proposed projects, early voting and election day times and locations, visit: www.duncanville.com/bond.