



Fiscal Year 2025-26
Proposed Budget

This budget will raise the same amount of revenue from property taxes as last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$1,696.

The members of Town Council voting on the adoption of the FY2025-26 budget:

FOR: Lael McWilliams, Marc Shingelo, John Estes, Ginger
Deussen, Mark Culpepper

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

TAX RATES:	<u>FY2024-25</u>	<u>FY2025-26</u>
Proposed Rate	\$0.713243	\$0.694379
No-New-Revenue Rate	\$0.690010	\$0.694379
Voter Approval Rate	\$0.723243	\$0.722742
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The total net outstanding debt on
October 1, 2025 will be \$7,473,442.

**TOWN OF PONDER
ORDINANCE NO. 25-18**

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF PONDER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO AN INTEREST AND SINKING FUND TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL ON THE TOWN'S INDEBTEDNESS; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PONDER FOR THE 2025-26 FISCAL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the budget, appended here as Exhibit A, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 was duly presented to the Town Council by Sheri Clearman and a public hearing was ordered by the Town Council and a public notice of said hearing was caused to be given by the Town Council and said notice was published in the Denton Record Chronicle and on the Town of Ponder official website and said public hearing was held according to said notice; now

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PONDER:

Section 1

That the appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, for the support of the general government of the Town of Ponder, Texas be fixed and determined for said terms in accordance with the expenditures shown in the Town's Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget, a copy of which is appended hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2

That the Budget, as shown in words and figures in Exhibit A, is hereby approved in all respects and adopted as the Town's Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026.

Section 3

That there is hereby appropriated the amount shown in said budget necessary to provide for an interest and sinking fund for the payment of the principal and interest and the retirement of the bonded debt requirements of Fiscal 2025-26 of the Town of Ponder.

Section 4

That this Budget shall be on file for public inspection in the office of the Town Secretary and a copy shall be filed with the County Clerk of the County where the Municipality is located.

Section 5

That any section, subsection, paragraph clause, phrase or provision of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid or held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as

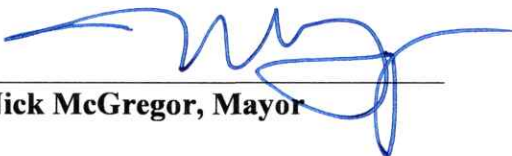
a whole or any part of provision thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 6

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Ponder on this 15th day of September, 2025.

APPROVED:



Nick McGregor, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary

Exhibit A

Town of Ponder
Budget Report
2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year Budget

001 - General Fund	2025 Current	2026 Working	
Business & Franchise			
001-4004 Franchise Fee	150,000.00	150,000.00	
Business & Franchise Totals	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00%
Fines, Fees & Forfeitures			
001-4009 Administrative Fees	100,000.00	3,500.00	-2757.14%
001-4022 Municipal Court Building Se	600.00	0.00	-100.00%
001-4023 Municipal Technology Fund	400.00	0.00	-100.00%
001-4027 Citation Child Safety Fund	800.00	0.00	-100.00%
001-4033 Inspection Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00%
001-4034 Engineering Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00%
001-4044 ROW Fees	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00%
001-4047 Code Violation Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00%
001-4051 Municipal Jury Fund	10.00	16.00	37.50%
001-4052 Court Fine Revenue	20,000.00	30,000.00	33.33%
001-4053 Court Costs	2,300.00	14,144.00	83.74%
001-4054 Time Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00%
001-4055 Omnibase Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00%
001-4060 Consolidated Court Security	0.00	1,600.00	100.00%
Fines, Fees & Forfeitures Totals	127,610.00	52,760.00	-
			141.87 %
Grants & Donations			
001-4028 Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00%
001-4037 County Funding	0.00	12,800.00	100.00%
Grants & Donations Totals	0.00	12,800.00	100.00%

Interest Income			
001-4014 Interest Income	50,000.00	200,000.00	75.00%
Interest Income Totals	50,000.00	200,000.00	75.00%
Lease & Rent Income			
001-4039 Royalties	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
Lease & Rent Income Totals	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
Licenses & Permits			
001-4005 Permit Fees	20,000.00	25,000.00	20.00%
001-4043 Contractor Registration	750.00	300.00	-150.00%
001-4058 Developer Fees	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
001-4059 Plat Fees	1,500.00	7,000.00	78.57%
Licenses & Permits Totals	23,750.00	33,800.00	29.73%
Other Revenue Sources			
001-4007 Unappropriated Contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00%
001-4050 Local Truancy Prevention-D	500.00	840.00	40.48%
Other Revenue Sources Totals	500.00	840.00	40.48%
Property & Sales Tax			
001-4001 Property tax	1,718,818.00	1,736,290.00	1.01%
001-4002 Sales Tax	350,000.00	388,590.00	9.93%
001-4003 Street Maintenance Tax	71,428.00	97,143.00	26.47%
001-4019 EDC Tax	142,857.00	194,286.00	26.47%
001-4038 Debt Service Tax Fund	523,517.00	529,909.00	1.21%
Property & Sales Tax Totals	2,806,620.00	2,946,218.00	4.74%
Transfers In			
001-4056 Capital Project Funds - Texp	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Transfers In Totals	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Revenue Totals	3,159,980.00	3,397,918.00	7.00%

001 - General Fund Administrative	2025 Current	2026 Working	% Change
001-01-5101 Salaries	206,927.00	259,256.00	20.18%
001-01-5102 Overtime	500.00	500.00	0.00%
001-01-5107 Employee Insurance	36,000.00	36,000.00	0.00%
001-01-5108 Longevity Pay	1,116.00	1,260.00	11.43%
001-01-5109 Payroll Taxes	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00%
001-01-5110 Retirement	10,347.00	15,063.00	31.31%
001-01-5201 Office Supplies	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00%
001-01-5202 Computer Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
001-01-5203 Computer Software	15,000.00	25,590.00	41.38%
001-01-5204 Fuel	6,000.00	2,000.00	-200.00%
001-01-5314 EDC Tax Funds	142,857.00	194,286.00	26.47%
001-01-5401 Accounting	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00%
001-01-5403 Animal Control	13,500.00	13,500.00	0.00%
001-01-5404 Bank Charges	27,000.00	0.00	-100.00%
001-01-5405 Contract Labor	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00%
001-01-5406 Copiers	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00%
001-01-5407 Dues and Subscriptions	20,000.00	10,000.00	-100.00%
001-01-5408 Electricity	42,000.00	42,000.00	0.00%
001-01-5409 Engineering Fees	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00%
001-01-5411 Insurance Property/Liability	22,000.00	24,000.00	8.33%
001-01-5412 Legal Notices & Publications	2,000.00	12,000.00	83.33%
001-01-5413 Legal Service	60,000.00	26,299.00	-128.15%
001-01-5414 Pest Control	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00%
001-01-5415 PVFD Funding	200,000.00	355,000.00	43.66%
001-01-5416 Postage	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
001-01-5417 Tax Assessor Fees	11,000.00	15,000.00	26.67%
001-01-5418 Training Expenses	2,500.00	5,000.00	50.00%
001-01-5419 Travel/Mileage Expenses	1,500.00	5,000.00	70.00%
001-01-5420 Telephone Services	15,000.00	20,000.00	25.00%
001-01-5422 Planning & Zoning Fees & Expenses	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00%
001-01-5430 Tech Services	10,000.00	12,000.00	16.67%

001-01-5502 Computers - Capital Expense	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00%
001-01-5506 Codification	2,000.00	1,500.00	-33.33%
001-01-5602 Tax Notes	523,517.00	529,909.00	1.21%
001-01-5603 Bond Agent Fees	1,250.00	750.00	-66.67%
Administrative Totals	1,948,801.00	1,734,813.00	-12.33%
001 - General Fund Public Works	2025 Current	2026 Working	% Change
001-02-5101 Salaries	111,352.00	138,645.00	19.69%
001-02-5209 Uniform Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	100.00%
001-02-5301 Repair & Maintenance - Buildings & G	0.00	30,000.00	100.00%
001-02-5302 Repair & Maintenance - Roads	0.00	75,000.00	100.00%
001-02-5303 Repair & Maintenance - Equipment	0.00	10,000.00	100.00%
001-02-5313 Street Maintenance Tax Funds	0.00	97,143.00	100.00%
001-02-5318 Street Signs	0.00	2,300.00	100.00%
001-02-5421 Park and Recreation	0.00	125,000.00	100.00%
Public Works Totals	111,352.00	479,088.00	76.76%

001 - General Fund Police Department	2025 Current	2026 Working	% Change
001-03-5101 Salaries	611,360.00	602,656.00	-1.44%
001-03-5102 Overtime	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00%
001-03-5107 Employee Insurance	96,000.00	95,960.00	-0.04%
001-03-5108 Longevity Pay	1,484.00	1,868.00	20.56%
001-03-5109 Payroll Taxes	10,000.00	13,643.00	26.70%
001-03-5110 Retirement	33,000.00	34,837.00	5.27%
001-03-5201 Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
001-03-5203 Computer Software	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00%
001-03-5204 Fuel	32,000.00	32,000.00	0.00%
001-03-5209 Uniform Expenses	2,500.00	3,900.00	35.90%
001-03-5214 Printer Supplies	2,400.00	1,060.00	-126.42%
001-03-5303 Repair & Maintenance - Equipment	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00%

001-03-5304 Evidence Equipment & Supplies	6,500.00	3,250.00	-100.00%
001-03-5317 Repair & Maintenance Radios	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
001-03-5319 Forensic Testing	0.00	3,250.00	100.00%
001-03-5405 Contract Labor	0.00	0.00	0.00%
001-03-5406 Copiers	0.00	2,040.00	100.00%
001-03-5407 Dues and Subscriptions	10,900.00	10,900.00	0.00%
001-03-5411 Insurance Property/Liability	20,000.00	35,000.00	42.86%
001-03-5412 Legal Notices & Publications	2,500.00	0.00	-100.00%
001-03-5413 Legal Service	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00%
001-03-5416 Postage	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
001-03-5418 Training Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00%
001-03-5419 Travel/Mileage Expenses	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00%
001-03-5420 Telephone Services	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
001-03-5430 Tech Services	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00%
001-03-5436 Critical Incident Supplies	0.00	6,000.00	100.00%
001-03-5437 Ammunition	0.00	1,500.00	100.00%
001-03-5501 Vehicle	33,000.00	33,000.00	0.00%
001-03-5502 Computers - Capital Expense	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00%
001-03-5537 PD Office Lease	12,480.00	12,480.00	0.00%
001-03-5546 Flock Cameras	0.00	27,400.00	100.00%
001-03-5547 AEDs	0.00	6,240.00	100.00%
001-03-5716 Other Police Equipment	7,500.00	0.00	-100.00%
001-03-5720 Denton County Communications	7,830.00	7,830.00	0.00%
001-03-5721 Children's Advocacy Center	5,940.00	0.00	-100.00%
001-03-5726 Grant Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00%
001-03-5727 Medical & Phsysc.	500.00	500.00	0.00%
Police Department Totals	946,494.00	985,914.00	4.00%

001 - General Fund	Municipal Court	2025 Current	2026 Working	% Change
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001-04-5101 Salaries	33,877.00	29,994.00	-12.95%
001-04-5109 Payroll Taxes	800.00	600.00	-33.33%

001-04-5201 Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
001-04-5202 Computer Supplies	300.00	0.00	-100.00%
001-04-5203 Computer Software	300.00	2,315.00	87.04%
001-04-5418 Training Expenses	750.00	250.00	-200.00%
001-04-5419 Travel/Mileage Expenses	750.00	250.00	-200.00%
001-04-5706 MC Judge	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00%
001-04-5707 MC Prosecuting Attorney	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00%
001-04-5711 State Citation Fees	12,000.00	15,000.00	20.00%
001-04-5713 Court Security	1,147.00	1,984.00	42.19%
001-04-5714 Court Technology	1,554.00	2,240.00	30.63%
001-04-5717 Child Safety	11,424.00	11,424.00	0.00%
001-04-5728 Consolidated Court Security & Techno	0.00	1,600.00	100.00%
Municipal Court Totals	71,702.00	74,457.00	3.70%
001 - General Fund Library	2025	2026	% Change
	Current	Working	
001-05-5101 Salaries	33,431.00	47,346.00	29.39%
001-05-5109 Payroll Taxes	700.00	2,000.00	65.00%
001-05-5201 Office Supplies	0.00	2,300.00	100.00%
001-05-5202 Computer Supplies	0.00	500.00	100.00%
001-05-5203 Computer Software	0.00	250.00	100.00%
001-05-5211 Books	0.00	4,500.00	100.00%
001-05-5215 Craft Supplies	0.00	1,500.00	100.00%
001-05-5216 Summer Reading Supplies	0.00	3,000.00	100.00%
001-05-5301 Repair & Maintenance -	0.00	9,000.00	100.00%
Buildings & G			
001-05-5405 Contract Labor	0.00	10,000.00	100.00%
001-05-5406 Copiers	0.00	2,200.00	100.00%
001-05-5407 Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	1,700.00	100.00%
001-05-5408 Electricity	0.00	2,100.00	100.00%
001-05-5410 Gas Heating	0.00	1,700.00	100.00%
001-05-5416 Postage	0.00	300.00	100.00%
001-05-5418 Training Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	100.00%
001-05-5420 Telephone Services	0.00	2,500.00	100.00%
001-05-5430 Tech Services	0.00	6,250.00	100.00%
001-05-5502 Computers - Capital	0.00	4,000.00	100.00%
Expense			
Library Totals	64,131.00	102,146.00	37.22%

001 - General Fund		Council			
			2025	2026	% Change
			Current	Working	
001-06-5205 City Council Expenses			2,000.00	4,000.00	50.00%
001-06-5206 Elections			8,000.00	10,000.00	20.00%
001-06-5207 Promotional Items			7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00%
Expense Totals			3,159,980.00	3,397,918.00	7.00 %