

**Texas Municipal League
Fiscal Conditions: Municipal Revenues and Expenditures Survey
2021**

To complete the survey online, please go to: <https://bit.ly/TML2021FC>

The results for this survey will be published in the aggregate only – individual city data will remain anonymous.

City: _____

Population: _____

Contact Person's Name and Title: _____

Number of Full-Time Employees: _____

Part I. Please answer questions 1 – 6 in regards to the past fiscal year.

1. Did your city impose a hiring freeze?
 - a. Yes
 - i. Is it still in effect? _____
 - b. No

2. Did your city impose a wage freeze?
 - a. Yes
 - i. Is it still in effect? _____
 - b. No

3. Did your city lay off any employees?
 - a. Yes
 - i. How many? _____
 - b. No

4. Did your city reduce employees' salaries?
 - a. Yes
 - i. By what percentage? _____
 - b. No

5. Did your city postpone or defer needed capital improvement projects because of a shortage of revenue?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

6. Which of the following best describe your city's expenditures (cash, right-of-way, or any other thing of value) to assist TxDOT with state highway projects in or near your city:
 - a. Increased by _____% to approximately \$_____.
 - b. Decreased by _____% to approximately \$_____.
 - c. Remained the same at approximately \$_____.
 - d. The city made no expenditures.

Part II. Please answer questions 7 – 17 in regards to the current fiscal year.

7. Are total revenues (excluding bond proceeds and federal or state aid) expected to be higher or lower than in the previous fiscal year?
 - a. Higher by _____%
 - b. Lower by _____%
 - c. Remain constant

8. Did your city raise water, wastewater, or solid waste fees?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. We do not levy these utility fees.

9. If yes, which utility fees were raised and by what percentage?
 - a. Water by _____%
 - b. Wastewater by _____%

- c. Solid waste by _____%
10. Did your city raise user fees?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
11. If yes, what user fees were raised and by what percentage?
- a. Building Permits by _____%
 - b. Impact Fees by _____%
 - c. Other Development Related Fees by _____%
 - d. Park Fees by _____%
 - e. Swimming Pool Fees by _____%
 - f. Animal Control Fees by _____%
 - g. EMS Fees by _____%
 - h. Health and Sanitation Fees by _____%
 - i. Short-Term Rental Permit Fees by _____%
 - j. Occupational License Fees by _____%
 - k. Street Fees by _____%
 - l. Public Safety Fees (other than EMS) by _____%
 - m. Other User Fees by _____%
12. Did your city impose new user fees?
- a. Yes. If yes, please describe the new user fees that were implemented?

 - b. No

13. Did your city increase or reduce the property tax rate? By what percentage?
- a. Increase by _____%
 - b. Reduced by _____%
 - c. The property tax rate remained the same as the previous fiscal year.
 - d. The city does not levy a property tax.
14. Was that adopted tax rate higher or lower than the *no-new-revenue* tax rate?
- a. Higher by _____%
 - b. Lower by _____%
 - c. Same as the no-new-revenue tax rate
15. Did your city reduce any services?
- a. Yes
 - i. If yes, what services were reduced? _____

 - b. No
16. Did your city eliminate any services?
- a. Yes
 - i. If yes, what services were eliminated? _____

 - b. No

Part III. Please answer questions 17 and 18 in regards to the next fiscal year.

17. Does your city anticipate revenues to be higher, lower, or remain constant compared to your current fiscal year?
- a. Higher
 - b. Lower

c. Remain constant

18. If your city's revenues were to remain constant or diminish, how likely is it that your city will do any of the following?

Please rank-order your responses from '1' to '11', with '1' being the most likely action and '11' the least likely. Do not duplicate rank number.

- _____ Hiring Freeze
- _____ Wage Freeze
- _____ Lay-offs
- _____ Wage reduction
- _____ Increase user fees
- _____ Raise property taxes
- _____ Reduces services
- _____ Eliminate services
- _____ Postpone or defer capital improvements
- _____ Reduce or eliminate expenditures or right-of-way contributions to TxDOT
- _____ Other _____

Thank you for your time.

Survey results will be printed in the March edition of the *Texas Town & City*. Please contact JJ Rocha for any questions, she can be reached at jj@tml.org or 512-231-7400.

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