

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Erik Walsh, City Manager 

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SUBJECT: BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

The attached list reflects an updated list of potential amendments based on Mayor and City Council feedback during today's Budget Work Session.

Amendments in the General Fund total \$4.5 million over two years. These items are proposed to be funded by increasing the Library Card fee for Non-City Residents from \$20 to \$30, increasing the Riverbarge Ticket fees for adult non-residents from \$15 to \$20, increases in vacant lot and dangerous premise abatement administrative fees, parking fines, booting fees and HAZMAT fees for retail gas stations. These fee increases will generate a total of \$4.5 million over two years.

In the restricted funds, there is one budget amendment funded by the Medicaid Waiver Reserve of \$1.0 million over two years for Women's Health Programs (Reproductive Justice). In the Capital Budget, there is one amendment in the amount of \$8 million in FY 2027 for City Council Capital Improvement Program funded by bond capacity. With this amendment, our projected May 2027 bond capacity would now be \$442.0 million.

With these amendments, the budget remains balanced for FY 2027.

The attached amendments restore \$1.5 million of the \$2.2 million reduction to the San Antonio Education Partnership (SAEP) Scholarships. At today's meeting, there was a proposal to fully restore the SAEP Scholarships from Mayor and City Council budget carry forwards. The projected balance of these carry forwards at the end of FY 2026 is \$4.2 million. Should the City Council desire to fully restore the SAEP scholarship, it could approve an additional allocation of \$700,000 from these carry forwards. See attachment 2.

As discussed today, \$350,000 will be authorized in the FY 2027 Budget Ordinance for the Boys and Girls Club funded by the Inner City TIRZ. Of this amount, \$175,000 is authorized for three months of operating expenses and additional \$175,000 is authorized contingent on the development of a financial plan. Payment is contingent upon approval by the Inner City TIRZ Board of Directors.

The use of unspent FY 2026 minor repair/under one roof funds in the amount of \$1.45 million is included in the closing ordinance to be used for the Emergency Homeowner Repair Assistance Program related to the August 28, 2026 storm.

In closing, tomorrow, you will be asked to consider the FY27 Budget. There will be six separate actions that City Council will be asked to approve:

- 1) Proposed FY 2027 Operating and Capital Budget with amendments,
- 2) Ratification of the FY 2027 Adopted Budget,
- 3) City Property Tax Operations & Maintenance Rate,
- 4) City Property Tax Debt Service Rate,
- 5) Revenue adjustments, and
- 6) FY 2026 Closing Ordinance.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - List of City Council Requests for Budget Amendments to the FY 2027 Proposed Budget

Item no.	Potential Revenue increases	FY 2027 Budget Impact	FY 2028 Budget Impact	Total
1	Increase Booting Fees from \$60 to \$120 and Parking in Residential Parking Zone without required permit from \$32 to \$52.	\$ 7,960	\$ 7,960	\$ 15,920
2	Increase vacant lot and dangerous premise abatement administrative fees from \$250 to \$400 (\$300 in the Proposed Budget)	83,683	83,683	167,366
3	Increase Parking Fines for certain violations	228,780	228,780	457,560
4	Increase Riverbarge Ticket fees for adult non residents from \$15 to \$20	1,377,065	1,377,065	2,754,130
5	Increase HAZMAT fee for retail gas stations from \$150 to \$173 for less than 30,000 gallons and \$600 to \$690 for more than 30,001	32,377	32,377	64,754
6	Non-resident fee for Library card increase from \$20 to \$30	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Total Resources		\$ 2,229,865	\$ 2,229,865	\$ 4,459,730

Item no.	General Fund Expenditure Adjustments	FY 2027 Budget Impact	FY 2028 Budget Impact	Total
1	Restores funding for the Part-time Nutrition site at Darner	\$ 236,567	\$ 236,567	\$ 473,134
2	Provides for After School Challenge for Southwest Independent School District	50,000	50,000	100,000
3	Restores tuition reimbursements for employees	350,000	350,000	700,000
4	Restores San Antonio Education Partnership (SAEP) Scholarships for City of San Antonio Residents	1,550,219	0	1,550,219
5	Restores funding for one position that supports Cultural Initiatives in the Office of History and Preservation	113,670	113,670	227,340
6	Restores funding for the Gastronomy Program for World Heritage	83,765	0	83,765
7	Restores funding for Diez y Seis Commission in the amount \$40,000 funded through Mayor and City Council Carryforward in the amount of \$3,636 each	0	0	0
8	Restores Climate Adaptation Manager	112,939	112,939	225,878
9	Restores 5 filled Health Positions - Maternal Health (3), Mayor's Fitness Council (1) and Performance Analysis (1)	549,697	549,697	1,099,394
		\$ 3,046,857	\$ 1,412,873	\$ 4,459,730

Restricted Funds				
Resource Amendments		FY27 Amount	FY28 Amount	Total
1	Medicaid Waiver Reserve	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000
Expenditure Amendments				
1	Adds funding for Women's Health Programs (Reproductive Justice)	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000

Capital Budget				
Resource Amendments		FY27 Amount	FY28 Amount	Total
1	Use of Debt Capacity	\$ 8,000,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000,000
Expenditure Amendments				
1	Increases capital improvement projects for each Council District from \$200,000 to \$1 million	\$ 8,000,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000,000

**FY 2026 Mayor and City Council Budget
Projected Carryforwards**

Council Office	Projected Balances	
Mayor	\$	702,968
District 1		293,135
District 2		141,403
District 3		243,223
District 4		262,372
District 5		17,715
District 6		242,456
District 7		668,567
District 8		245,287
District 9		585,103
District 10		847,021
Total: \$		4,249,249