

Taxpayer Impact Statement

Estimated Annual Impact of Approved Rate and Fee Changes on a "Typical" Residential Ratepayer

Service or Fee	FY 2025-26 Yearly Rate	FY 2026-27 Approved Rate	Annual Dollar Change	Typical Ratepayer Defined as:
Austin Energy	\$1,404.84	\$1,448.76	\$43.92	Residential customer usage of 860 Kwh
Austin Water	\$1,198.92	\$1,292.04	\$93.12	Residential customer usage of 5,800 gallons of water and 4,000 gallons of wastewater
Austin Resource Recovery	\$435.60	\$456.00	\$20.40	Residential Customer using a 64-gallon cart
Clean Community Fee	\$123.00	\$127.20	\$4.20	Per single-family home
Transportation User Fee	\$261.60	\$261.60	\$0.00	Per single-family home
Drainage Utility Fee	\$168.60	\$179.04	\$10.44	Residential customer with 3,100 sq ft/37% of impervious cover
Property Tax Bill	\$2,074.28	\$2,188.04	\$113.76	Projected FY27 median non-senior homestead assessed value of \$471,603, net of 20% general homestead exemption
Total Yearly Impact	\$5,666.84	\$5,952.68	\$285.84	Combined projected increase of 5.0%

Homestead Exemptions

A homestead exemption is a legal provision that can help you pay less taxes on your home. If you own and occupy your home, you may be eligible for the general homestead exemption, the age 65 or older exemption, or the disabled persons exemption offered by the City of Austin. Additional state-mandated exemptions are also available for disabled veterans, and some surviving spouses.

General Residence Homestead Exemption

The City of Austin offers the maximum allowable general homestead exemption of 20% of the assessed value of qualifying homes. In order to qualify for this exemption, the property must be owned and occupied as the owner's principal residence. Once the exemption is granted, homeowners do not need to reapply on an annual basis.

Over 65 and Disabled Persons Homestead Exemption

The City of Austin offers an additional exemption to homeowners aged 65 or older and to disabled homeowners that exempts an additional \$204,000 of the assessed value of their homes from taxation by the City. This exemption was increased from \$192,000 by the Austin City Council on May 28, 2026. Property owners already receiving a general homestead exemption who turn 65 are not required to apply for this exemption if accurate birthday information is already included in the appraisal district records. As with the general homestead exemption, homeowners do not need to reapply for these exemptions on an annual basis once granted.

Applying for Homestead Exemptions

To learn more about whether you may qualify for these or other homestead exemptions, and to apply for these exemptions, please contact or visit the website of the appraisal district for the county in which you reside:

- Travis County Central Appraisal District: <https://traviscad.org/homesteadexemptions>
- Williamson County Central Appraisal District: <https://www.wcad.org/online-exemption-information/>
- Hays County Central Appraisal District: <https://forms.hayscad.com/#/a/form/HomesteadExemption/new>