



FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

BUDGET COVER PAGE

JULY 31, 2026

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of **\$5,268,710**, which is a **123.15 percent** increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll is **\$5,118,972**.

The members of the governing body voted on the budget as follows:

FOR: _____	AGAINST: _____
PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: _____	ABSENT: _____

PROPERTY TAX RATE COMPARISON

	2026 - 2027	2025 - 2026
Property Tax Rate:	\$0.803732/\$100	\$0.550000/\$100
No-New-Revenue Tax Rate:	\$0.775093/\$100	\$0.550000/\$100
No-New-Revenue Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate:	\$0.776553/\$100	\$0.550000/\$100
Voter-Approval Tax Rate:	\$0.803732/\$100	\$0.000000/\$100
Debt Rate:	\$0.000000/\$100	\$0.000000/\$100

Total debt obligation for Starbase, Texas secured by property taxes: **\$0**



FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED CATEGORY BUDGET

October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027

INTRODUCTION

This document presents the City of Starbase's Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Proposed Budget for Commission review and adoption as a department level budget. Rather than adopting the budget at the individual line-item level, the Commission is asked to review and approve total funding for each of four budget categories:

- Administration
- Public Safety
- Natural Resources / Beach Conservation
- Community Projects

This gives City staff flexibility to manage spending within each category, while the Commission retains budgetary control at the department level. Three commitments run through this budget. First, we are building a lean, modern city government, recruiting excellent talent, streamlining our processes, and leveraging a modern software stack, including AI and automation where appropriate, so that service quality scales faster than cost. Second, we are faithful custodians of the extraordinary natural environment entrusted to us – and hence we continue to invest in keeping our beach clean, our coastline accessible, and our natural resources protected for the generations to come. Third, we are investing in the community that makes Starbase home.

This document covers FY27 – October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. For each category below, it provides a short overview of what the City aims to accomplish and the total proposed budget, beginning with the summary below.

FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

CATEGORY	FY27 PROPOSED BUDGET
Administration	\$2,703,261
Public Safety	\$4,459,963
Natural Resources / Beach Conservation	\$481,600
Community Projects	\$235,000
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$7,879,824
Total Proposed Revenue	\$10,043,075
Projected Surplus / (Deficit)	\$2,163,252



ADMINISTRATION

The Administration category funds the City's core administrative and general government functions.

The central message of the FY27 Administration budget is optimization, automation, and streamlining of the City's services and procedures. In FY27, the City will continue to work with contractors in strategic areas – such as legal, engineering, and permit review – while at the same time growing its own talent pool and investing in the right software stack. The goal is simple: as Starbase grows, the organization stays lean, leveraging technology to streamline its processes and implementing AI-enabled automation wherever it makes sense.

FY27 GOALS

- Optimize, automate, and streamline city services and procedures so the organization stays lean as it scales.
- Grow the City's in-house talent pool, while continuing to use contractors in strategic areas such as legal, engineering, and permitting.
- Invest in a modern software stack that improves efficiency, supports public transparency, and enables AI-driven automation where possible.
- Support the City Commission and public-facing administrative functions.

PROPOSED BUDGET	\$2,703,261
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PUBLIC SAFETY

The Public Safety category funds the Starbase Police Department, Municipal Court, and the local volunteer Fire Department. FY27 is the first full budget year in which Public Safety is delivered through a fully staffed municipal police department, and this budget is all about building the team and ensuring the department has everything it needs to flourish – supported by modern, streamlined systems from day one.

FY27 GOALS

- Build the team: fully staff the Starbase Police Department – Police Chief, sworn officers, and a part-time officer pool – and offer competitive compensation packages that attract and retain excellent public safety talent.
- Select the most innovative, best-in-class public safety software stack (records management, cameras, policy management, and supporting technology) to automate, optimize, and streamline the department's operations.
- Equip officers with the vehicles, equipment, radios, and training needed for safe and effective policing, including ongoing certification and professional development.
- Stand up a streamlined Municipal Court that serves the public efficiently.
- Continue to work with the county and regional law enforcement partners for support, and continue to support the local Volunteer Fire Department.

PROPOSED BUDGET	\$4,459,963
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NATURAL RESOURCES / BEACH CONSERVATION

The Natural Resources / Beach Conservation category funds the City's beach maintenance and environmental stewardship programs. As custodian of an extraordinary coastline, the City treats these natural resources as treasures held in trust for our residents and visitors — and this budget reflects a continued, deliberate investment in protecting them and keeping them clean and accessible.

FY27 GOALS

- Continue to invest in regular beach cleaning to keep the beach clean, safe, and enjoyable.
- Continue grading the beach entrance to maintain safe and reliable access.
- Continue to set aside a dedicated budget for the City's Environmental Resource Committee to ensure it has the resources needed to carry out its work.

PROPOSED BUDGET	\$481,600
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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Community Projects category funds programs and initiatives that directly benefit residents and build community life in Starbase — investing in the people who make Starbase home. It is the smallest category in the FY27 budget, but it remains an important one for the City and its residents.

FY27 GOALS

- Continue to support the local library and library services for residents.
- Continue to fund community engagement efforts, including community events that bring residents together.
- Recognize community members and volunteers through awards and recognition programs.

PROPOSED BUDGET	\$235,000
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CONCLUSION: BUILDING THE CITY OF THE FUTURE

Starbase is not an ordinary city. We are home to the people and the work helping humanity become multiplanetary — and that calls for a city government worthy of that mission.

Being a new city is our greatest advantage. We are not weighed down by decades of legacy systems, outdated processes, or bureaucracy built for another era. We have the rare opportunity to design our city government from a blank page: to innovate, to streamline, and to build a lean organization from day one.

This budget reflects that opportunity. In Administration and Public Safety — the two largest investments the City makes — we are relentlessly focused on streamlining and optimization: recruiting excellent talent, selecting the most innovative, best-in-class software stack, and automating processes wherever possible so that both departments deliver more while staying lean. Our goal is a city where the quality of services grows faster than the cost of delivering them.

We are equally mindful that Starbase is the custodian of an extraordinary natural environment. Our beach, our coastline, and the natural resources that surround us are treasures held in trust for our residents, our visitors, and the generations to come. Protecting that environment — keeping it clean, healthy, and accessible to all — is a lasting priority of this city, and this budget backs that commitment with dedicated, ongoing investment.

And at the heart of it all is our community. From supporting our local library to funding events that bring neighbors together, this budget invests in the people who make Starbase home. A lean, modern city government is not an end in itself — it is how we ensure that our residents receive the best possible services and the strongest possible community, today and as we grow.

The FY2027 budget is more than a financial plan. It is a statement of who we are and who we intend to become: a city as bold, as innovative, and as forward-looking as the mission taking flight within our city limits. We are grateful to the Commission and the residents of Starbase for the trust they place in us, and we are excited to build this future together.

COMMISSION ADOPTION — CATEGORY BUDGET AUTHORIZATION

MAYOR

Date:

COMMISSIONER

Date:

COMMISSIONER

Date:

CITY MANAGER

Date: