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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It's the most wonderful time of year again—the chance to act on your constitutional right to vote! April 3 is the deadline to register for Killeen's General Election, which takes place on May 3. Here's a reminder that you get to perform your civic duty beginning April 22. The City Council seats for Districts 1, 2 and 4 will be on the ballot and District 3 is unopposed. We want to ensure voters are educated about not only when and where to vote, but who and what they're voting for in May. Visit www.KilleenTexas.gov/Election for information on the general election. Don't forget, you may vote at any precinct during the early-voting period, but you must vote at your specific precinct on election day.

Last month, our city experienced one of the largest fires in Killeen history. I want to thank our emergency responders who worked around the clock to save lives and structures. With the high winds and tall grass, the fire could have burned double the structures without their swift action. I also want to thank the community who poured their hearts out to help the 36 victims of the fires. It is tragedies like this that show you the true soul of our community members and how supportive we can be.

Safety is important, so I appreciate our Fire Department reminding residents to keep heavy brush items 20-30 feet from structures, maintaining clear surroundings. As we saw, the combination of high winds and brush can be dangerous, even with a small spark.

Lastly, please make sure to support our Spring events, including Spring Fest on April 5, the Spring Night Market on April 11, National Arbor Day on April 25 and the big one is our annual Celebrate Killeen Multicultural Festival on Saturday, April 26. Details for all can be found on our website at www.KilleenTexas.gov/Calendar. We had more than 4,000 people turn out for our Motown in Downtown event last month and we can't wait to see how you support these events, too!

Delbi Noah King



Proposition B

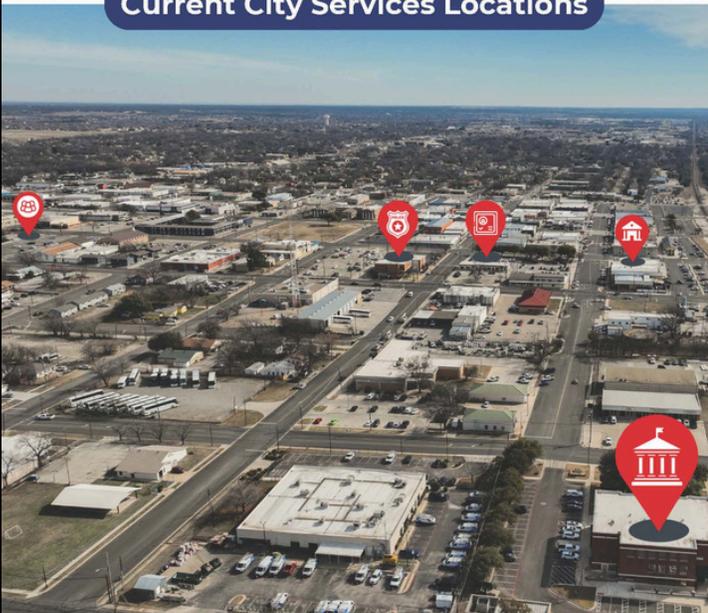
FACT SHEET



What will Proposition B address?

- Residents **do not have access to ADA-compliant facilities** at current City facilities.
- Services are spread across **8 buildings and 15 departments** throughout the city.
- The current City Hall building is over 100+ years old **and does not meet current building codes.**
- Investing in City services can **save money for residents later** by lowering maintenance costs.

Current City Services Locations



**Not a comprehensive map of all City Services*

What is Proposition B?

Proposition B is guided by the Big Ideas in the Killeen 2040 Comprehensive Plan to prioritize sustainable growth and quality of life for all residents.

Proposition B is a property tax increase that would provide \$155 million to:

- o **Consolidate City services and improve facilities**
- o **Add parking** downtown
- o **Provide safe and convenient access** to services

Homeowners 65 years old and up **would not be impacted.**

- o The average homeowner would see an estimated 2.3 cent increase in 2027, costing approximately \$4.32 per month, unless there have been major improvements to the home. The rate is estimated to increase by 8.5 cents in 2030, costing the average homeowner \$15.94.

City Services Consolidated Through Proposition B:



City Hall

- City Council Meetings
- City Staff Offices



Building Inspections

- Code Enforcement
- Planning and Zoning



Arts and Activities Center Complex

- Community Development
- Human Resources
- Printing Services
- Finance Department



Municipal Court

- Civil and Criminal Cases
- Jury Duty



Police Department

- Academy Training
- Crime Prevention



Remember to make your voice heard by voting on May 3, 2025

For more information, please visit us at www.KilleenTexas.gov/PropB or scan the QR code here:





CELEBRATE KILLEEN MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

The Celebrate Killeen Multicultural Festival is back for its 23rd year, bringing music, culture and community to Downtown Killeen!

The event began as the Festival of Flags in 2000 and has grown into a vibrant celebration of the city's rich diversity with live performances, food trucks, vendors and a car show.

Join us in Historic Downtown Killeen (200 East Avenue D) on Saturday, April 26 for this year's lineup. Enjoy a car show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., along with a festival that runs from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Entry is free and all ages are welcome.

www.killeentexas.gov/downtownevents





APRIL 11 **SPRING NIGHT MARKET BEGINS**
FIVE FRIDAYS | 6 TO 9 PM

The Spring Night Market is back! Five Fridays of live music, food trucks and local artisans – all for FREE! Join us in Historic Downtown Killeen (101 East Avenue D) on April 11 & 25 and then again on May 2, 9, & 16. Shop small, support local!



APRIL 25 **YAC YOUTH ART SHOW**
6-9 PM

Join the Youth Advisory Commission for the Youth Art Show in Downtown Killeen. This event runs during the Spring Night Market. Find more info and submit entries by April 21 at www.killeentexas.gov/rec.



APRIL 26 **YOUTH SPORTS OPENING DAY**
9:30-11 AM

Killeen Parks & Recreation will host Opening Day at the Killeen Athletic Complex to celebrate the first day of our spring season. Join us as we kickoff the start of baseball, t-ball, softball and kickball.



MAY 03 **FALLEN HEROES 5K**
8 AM

Save the date for this year's race at Purser Heritage Hike & Bike Trail. Run to honor the brave men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Register today at www.killeentexas.gov/centex.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

JONATHAN VAN EXEL

Jonathan Van Exel has 22 years of service to the City of Killeen. As an Operations Manager, he is a key part of ensuring seamless events for the community. He oversees daily operations, staff and multiple facilities—including the Civic & Conference Center, Special Events Center and the Rodeo Arena—playing a vital role in making each event a success.

For Van Exel, the best part of the job is seeing the hard work of his team come together to create memorable experiences for residents. His favorite moments are seeing the happiness of customers when their events go off without a hitch. Beyond work, he enjoys writing, movies and board games.

Van Exel is known among family and friends as someone who can always be relied on when it matters most. He takes pride in being a reliable presence in his family's lives.

If he had just one superpower, Van Exel says he'd stop time to fully appreciate the moments that matter.





ATKINSON AVENUE FIRE

On March 2, our emergency response teams battled a major fire on Atkinson Avenue and Liberty Street. We're thankful for their efforts to make sure all residents were accounted for and safe, along with the organizations who played a role in routing donations to those affected.



KCA GRADUATION

On March 13, students from the 2025 Killeen Citizens Academy graduated during a special ceremony at the Killeen Civic & Conference Center. They completed an eight-week program where they got an inside look at how our City operates. Applications for the next session are expected to open in Fall of 2025.



SURVIVORS' BANQUET

At the inaugural Survivors' Banquet, the Killeen Fire Department celebrated five individuals whose lives were saved by our firefighters. It was an evening of reflection and recognition for survivors and the brave men and women who made it possible.



FREE VACCINE CLINIC

On March 24, Killeen Animal Services was able to provide over 1,000 free vaccines for Killeen's furriest friends, thanks to our partnership with Petco Love.

Thinking about adopting?
Browse available animals at
www.killeentexas.gov/animals.

SCAN FOR OUR EVENT CALENDAR



JAN 20	MLK DAY MARCH (NAACP) Downtown Killeen	AUG 09	BACK 2 SCHOOL SPLASH BASH Family Aquatic Center
JAN 25	LIBRARY LEGO DAY Killeen Civic & Conference Center	SEP 06	BOW WOW LUAU Family Aquatic Center
FEB 21	DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE Killeen Civic & Conference Center	SEP 06	TOUCHDOWN IN DOWNTOWN Downtown Killeen
MAR 01	MOTOWN IN DOWNTOWN Downtown Killeen	OCT 03	FALL NIGHT MARKET (BEGINS) Downtown Killeen
MAR 08	LOVE YOUR PARK DAY TBD	OCT 04	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS WALK Lions Club Park
APR 05	SPRING FEST Lions Club Park	OCT 04	FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OPEN HOUSE Central Fire Station
APR 11	SPRING NIGHT MARKET (BEGINS) Downtown Killeen	OCT 07	NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Citywide
APR 25	NATIONAL ARBOR DAY TBD	OCT 17	FALL FEST TBD
APR 26	CELEBRATE KILLEEN FESTIVAL Downtown Killeen	OCT 25	KPD DRIVE-THRU TRUNK-OR-TREAT Killeen Police Department Headquarters
MAY 03	FALLEN HEROES 5K Purser Heritage Hike & Bike Trail	NOV 01	TURKEY TROT 5K Stonetree Golf Club
MAY 15	RODEO KILLEEN (BEGINS) Killeen Special Events Center	NOV 07	TEXAS ARBOR DAY TBD
MAY 26	MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery	NOV 11	VETERANS DAY PARADE Downtown Killeen
JUN 21	JUNETEENTH PARADE & FESTIVAL Downtown Killeen	DEC 05	CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING Downtown Killeen
JUN 27	MOVIES IN YOUR PARK (BEGINS) Killeen Athletic Complex	DEC 06	JINGLE BELL DASH 5K Andy K. Wells Hike & Bike Trail
JUL 05	RED, WHITE, & BLUE MUSIC FESTIVAL Downtown Killeen	DEC 13	CHRISTMAS PARADE & FESTIVAL Downtown Killeen
JUL 26	CALIENTE 5K Long Branch Park	DEC 20	HALF MARA-FUN Purser Heritage Hike & Bike Trail

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 3 P.M.



KILLEEN CITY HALL
101 NORTH COLLEGE STREET



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