NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, and continuing from day to day thereafter if necessary, the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, will hold a Workshop and Special Meeting in the Kitty Young Council Chamber at 305 Miller's Crossing, Harker Heights, Texas 76548. The subjects to be discussed are listed in the following agenda:

MEETING AGENDA

I. **ROLL CALL:**

II. **PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS:**

Citizens who desire to address the Council on any matter may do so during this item. Please understand that while the Council appreciates hearing your comments, State law (Texas Gov't Code §551.042) prohibits them from: (1) engaging in discussion other than providing a statement of specific factual information or reciting existing City policy, and (2) taking action other than directing Staff to place the matter on a future agenda. Please state your name and the city of residence for the record and limit your comments to three minutes.

III. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Receive and discuss a presentation regarding Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, and the Ethics Annual Training. (Information Services Administrator)

   Staff Report - Pdf

2. Receive and discuss a presentation regarding a proposed adoption of the 2026 National Electrical Code (NEC) and adopting four (4) local amendments to the 2026 NEC. (Director of Planning & Development/Building Official)

   2026 NEC - Staff Report - Pdf

IV. **ADJOURNMENT OF WORKSHOP AND CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING:**

V. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 4, 2026.

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2. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, amending the City of Harker Heights Code of Ordinances §150.02(K); Adopting the 2026 National Electrical Code (NEC); Adopting four (4) local amendments to the 2026 NEC; And establishing an effective date. (Ordinance 2026-23, Director of Planning & Development/Building Official)

   2026 NEC - Staff Report - Pdf

VI. **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding authority to complete the purchase of property described as Cedar Trails, Block 002, Lot Tract C, Acres 3.066, generally located between the northeastern corner of East Knights Way and Cedro Avenue and the northwestern corner of East Knights Way and Cedar Trail, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. (City Manager)

   Staff Report - Pdf

2. Receive and Discuss a Presentation Regarding a Proposed Change to Council Meeting Frequency from Four Meetings to Two Meetings per Month. (City Manager)

Staff Report - Pdf

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

I hereby certify that the above notice was posted on the bulletin board of City Hall, City of Harker Heights, Texas, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, on the 11th of August 2026, by 3:00 p.m., and remained posted for at least three continuous business days preceding the scheduled date of said meeting.

Julie Helsham
City Secretary

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at 254-953-5600, or FAX 254-953-5614, or email jhelsham@harkerheights.gov for further information. Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Government Code the City Council reserves the right to go into Closed Meeting on any item listed above if deemed necessary. Note: On occasion the City Council may consider agenda items out of order.

City Council Memorandum

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE: August 18, 2026**

RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A PRESENTATION REGARDING CYBERSECURITY, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, AND THE ETHICS ANNUAL TRAINING. (INFORMATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR)

EXPLANATION:

Texas Government Code Sections 2054.5191 and 2063.103 require local government employees to complete annual cybersecurity awareness training.

In addition, Texas Government Code Sections 2054.5191 and 2054.5193 require certain state and local government employees and officials to complete a certified artificial intelligence (AI) awareness training program. The Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR), in consultation with the Public Sector AI Systems Advisory Board, certifies eligible training programs to comply with this requirement.

All government entities report completion to Texas Cyber Command (TXCC) by August 31 each year.

Annual ethics training is mandated for certain local government officials, employees, and related parties under the Texas Local Government Code 161.105.

City Council Memorandum

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE: August 18, 2026**

RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A PRESENTATION REGARDING A PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE 2026 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (NEC) AND ADOPTING FOUR (4) LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2026 NEC. (DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT/BUILDING OFFICIAL)

EXPLANATION:

On August 25, 2020, the City of Harker Heights adopted the 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) with four (4) local amendments through Ordinance No. 2020-33.

On September 26, 2023, the City adopted the 2023 National Electrical Code (NEC) with four (4) local amendments through Ordinance No. 2023-38.

Effective September 1, 2026, the State of Texas, through the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), will establish the 2026 National Electrical Code (NEC) as the minimum standard for electrical work throughout the state. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Title 8, Section 1305.201(c), municipalities are authorized to adopt local amendments to the National Electrical Code. Accordingly, the proposed ordinance (2026-23) will adopt the 2026 National Electrical Code, along with the City's four (4) local amendments, with an effective date of September 1, 2026. To prepare for implementation, the City's Building Official and Building Inspector have completed training on the 2026 NEC to ensure consistent enforcement of the updated requirements. Staff has also engaged with local contractors and construction stakeholders to review significant code changes and discuss the City's implementation and enforcement approach. Contractor meetings were held at the City's Activities Center on May 21, 2026, and July 30, 2026, during which staff provided updates and answered questions regarding the adoption of the 2026 NEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends formal adoption of the 2026 National Electrical Codes with four (4) local exceptions. The four local exceptions are the same as those adopted with the 2020 and 2023 NEC. Adoption of the 2026 NEC with local amendments will enable the City to comply with state law as it relates to the enforcement of code to all electrical work being performed within the City.

ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

ORDINANCE 2020-33(1)
ORDINANCE 2022-38
ORDINANCE 2026-23

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-33

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS, ADOPTING AND AMENDING THE 2017 NATIONAL TECHNICAL CODES SECTION 150.02(K).

WHEREAS, the City of Harker Heights ("***City***") has previously adopted various standard codes, including the 2017 National Technical Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 1305.101 of the Texas Occupations Code requires the adoption of the National Technical Codes as published by the International Code Council and NFPA ("***Technical Codes***") as the technical codes for the state; and

WHEREAS, Occupations Code §1305.201(c) permits a municipality to adopt local amendments to the Technical Codes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council ("***Council***") finds that to comply with applicable law, and to provide for greater uniformity in construction standards, and to promote the public health, safety and welfare, it is necessary and desirable to amend the Code of Harker Heights ("***Code***") as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law, all in strict accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: The Council officially finds and declares that the facts and recitations set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are true and correct.

SECTION 2: Section 150.02 of the Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(K) The National Electrical Code, 2020 Edition (NFPA 70), as promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association, except for the following, which shall amend and change said code only to the extent referenced:

(1) Article 230.70(A)(1) "Readily Accessible Location." Amend to read: "The disconnecting means shall be installed at a readily accessible location outside of the building or structure served, and at the point of entrance of all conductors to the building. The main service disconnect switch shall not be located more than five (5) feet above finished grade."

(2) Article 334.12(A) "Uses Not Permitted." Amend to read:

"(A) Types NM, NMC, and NMS. Types NM and NMS cables shall not be used as follows:

1. As open runs in dropped or suspended ceilings in other than one and two family and multi-family dwellings.

2. As service entrance cable.

3. In any of the following types of occupancies:

(a) Apartment houses of two stories of occupancies or greater;

(b) Any commercial building;

(c) Any industrial building;

(d) Educational buildings;

(e) Churches and church accessory structures;

(f) Public buildings.

4. Embedded in poured cement, concrete, or aggregate."

(3) Annexes A, B, C, D, E, F, G., I, and J are adopted.

(4) Annex H is not adopted.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: All of the regulations provided in this Ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this Ordinance, acting for the City in the discharge of official duties, shall not thereby become personally liable, and is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of said duties.

SECTION 5: Effective date shall be November 1, 2020.

SECTION 6: The change in the law made by this Ordinance applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Ordinance. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed on or after the effective date of this Ordinance if every element of the offense occurs on or after that date.

SECTION 7: An offense committed before the effective date of this Ordinance is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 8: This Ordinance shall be effective from and after the tenth day after its passage, and the City Clerk shall publish the caption or title of hereof within ten days as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Harker Heights on August 25, 2020.

Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Juliette Helsham, City Secretary

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-38

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES §150.02(K); ADOPTING THE 2023 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (NEC); ADOPTING FOUR (4) LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023 NEC; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") of the City of Harker Heights ("City") has previously adopted various standard codes, including the 2020 National Electric Code with local amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Occupations Code §1305.101(2) requires the adoption of the revised National Electrical Code as the electrical code for the state after publication of the National Electrical Code by the National Fire Protection Association every three years; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Occupations Code Title 8 §1305.201(c) permits a municipality to adopt local amendments to the National Electric Code; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that to comply with applicable law, and to provide for greater uniformity in construction standards, and to promote the public health, safety and welfare, it is necessary and desirable to amend the City of Harker Heights Code of Ordinances ("***Code***") as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law, all in strict accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

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> ***(2) Article 334.12(A) "Uses Not Permitted." Amend to read:***

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3. In any of the following types of occupancies:

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SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall be effective from and after the tenth day after its passage, and the City Clerk shall publish the caption or title of hereof within ten days as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 26th day of September, by a vote of 5 ayes and Ø nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS TEXAS

Michael D. Blomquist, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Helsham, City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-23

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WHEREAS, the City Council ("***Council***") of the City of Harker Heights ("***City***") has previously adopted various standard codes, including the 2020 National Electric Code with local amendments and the 2023 National Electric Code with local amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Occupations Code §1305.101(2) requires the adoption of the revised National Electric Code as the electrical code for the state after publication of the national electric code by the National Fire Protection Agency every three years; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Occupations Code Title 8 §1305.201(c) permits a municipality to adopt local amendments to the National Electric Code; and

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WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law, all in strict accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act;

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PASSED AND APPROVED this the ___ day of _____, 2026, by a vote of _____ ayes and _____ nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

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Michael D. Blomquist, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Juliette Helsham, City Secretary

Minutes of the City of Harker Heights Council Workshop and Special Meeting that was called to order on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 3:00 PM, in the Kitty Young Council Chamber at the Harker Heights City Hall at 305 Miller's Crossing, Harker Heights, Texas 76548, with the following members present:

Mayor Blomquist called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Councilmember Myles had a Point of Order during Roll Call.

Mayor Blomquist called for a brief recess at 3:02 p.m.

Mayor Blomquist reconvened the meeting at 3:09 p.m. and continued with Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Michael Blomquist
Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Halabi
Councilmember, Place 1 Brian Burt
Councilmember Place 3 Jesse Lee Myles, III
Councilmember, Place 4 Roxanne Flores

City Manager David Mitchell
City Secretary Julie Helsham

ABSENT: Councilmember, Place 2 Shane Hodyniak

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS:

The following citizens gave presentations to the City Council:

- Howard Arey, Harker Heights, Texas.
- Leon Charpentier, Harker Heights, Texas.
- Sherwin Tyner, Harker Heights, Texas.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Discussion and review of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget (City Manager/Finance Director).

   No action taken.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

(As required by House Bill 1522 passed by the Texas Legislature in 2025)

This notice will inform taxpayers of the potential impact of the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, comparing what would be paid under the No New Revenue Tax Rate versus the Proposed Tax Rate when they become available.

Rate Scenario	Median Homestead Taxable Value***	Tax Rate (per $100 valuation)	Estimated Property Tax Bill - Harker Heights	Difference from No New Revenue Rate
FY 2025-26 Tax Rate (Current Year)	315,503	0.5300	1,672.17	n/a
FY 2026-27 No New Revenue Rate*	234,268	n/a	n/a	n/a
FY 2026-27 Proposed Tax Rate**	234,268	n/a	n/a	n/a

*A No New Revenue Rate will not be available until the official Truth in Taxation calculation is completed by Bell County Appraisal District.

**City staff will present tax rate options to the City Council at the Tuesday, August 4 meeting based on information gathered during the Budget Workshop Retreat.

Once the above rates are received, the calculations marked as "n/a" can be made.

***In Fiscal Year 2026 and prior, the average homestead taxable value was used. Beginning with the 2027 fiscal year, the median homestead taxable value is required to be used.

2. Receive and discuss a review of the City's Governance Policy. (City Manager)

This item was tabled – no action taken.

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This item was tabled - no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the City of Harker Heights Regular City Council Meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

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Michael D. Blomquist
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Julie Helsham, City Secretary

City Council Memorandum

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE: August 18, 2026**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES §150.02(K); ADOPTING THE 2026 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (NEC); ADOPTING FOUR (4) LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2026 NEC; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORDINANCE 2026-23, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT/BUILDING OFFICIAL)

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ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Motion to **approve** Ordinance 2026-23 as read by the Mayor
2. Motion to **disapprove** Ordinance 2026-23 as read by the Mayor
3. Any other action desired.

ATTACHMENTS:

ORDINANCE 2020-33(1)
ORDINANCE 2022-38
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PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Harker Heights on August 25, 2020.

Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Juliette Helsham, City Secretary

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-38

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WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law, all in strict accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: The Council officially finds and declares that the facts and recitations set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are true and correct.

SECTION 2: Section 150.02(K) of the Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(K) The National Electrical Code, 2023 Edition (NFPA 70), as promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association, except for the following, which shall amend and change said code only to the extent referenced:

> ***(1) Article 230.70(A)(1) "Readily Accessible Location." Amend to read: "The disconnecting means shall be installed at a readily accessible location outside of the building or structure served, and at the point of entrance of all conductors to the building. The main service disconnect switch shall not be located more than five (5) feet above finished grade."***
>
> ***(2) Article 334.12(A) "Uses Not Permitted." Amend to read:***

"(A) Types NM, NMC, and NMS. Types NM and NMS cables shall not be used as follows:

1. As open runs in dropped or suspended ceilings in other than one and two family and multi-family dwellings.

2. As service entrance cable.

3. In any of the following types of occupancies:

(a) Apartment houses of two stories of occupancies or greater.

(b) Any commercial building.

(c) Any industrial building.

(d) Educational buildings.

(e) Churches and church accessory structures.

(f) Public buildings.

4. Embedded in poured cement, concrete, or aggregate."

(3) Annexes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I, and J are adopted.

(4) Annex H is not adopted.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: All of the regulations provided in this Ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this Ordinance, acting for the City in the discharge of official duties, shall not thereby become personally liable, and is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of said duties.

SECTION 5: The change in the law made by this Ordinance applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Ordinance. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed on or after the effective date of this Ordinance if every element of the offense occurs on or after that date.

SECTION 6: An offense committed before the effective date of this Ordinance is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall be effective from and after the tenth day after its passage, and the City Clerk shall publish the caption or title of hereof within ten days as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 26th day of September, by a vote of 5 ayes and Ø nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS TEXAS

Michael D. Blomquist, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Helsham, City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES §150.02(K); ADOPTING THE 2026 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (NEC); ADOPTING FOUR (4) LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2026 NEC; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council ("***Council***") of the City of Harker Heights ("***City***") has previously adopted various standard codes, including the 2020 National Electric Code with local amendments and the 2023 National Electric Code with local amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Occupations Code §1305.101(2) requires the adoption of the revised National Electric Code as the electrical code for the state after publication of the national electric code by the National Fire Protection Agency every three years; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Occupations Code Title 8 §1305.201(c) permits a municipality to adopt local amendments to the National Electric Code; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that to comply with applicable law, and to provide for greater uniformity in construction standards, and to promote the public health, safety and welfare, it is necessary and desirable to amend the City of Harker Heights Code of Ordinances ("Code") as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law, all in strict accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

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> ***(1) Article 230. 70(A)(l) "Readily Accessible Location." Amend to read: "The disconnecting means shall be installed at a readily accessible location outside of the building or structure served, and at the point of entrance of all conductors to the building. The main service disconnect switch shall not be located more than five (5) feet above finished grade."***
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PASSED AND APPROVED this the ___ day of _____, 2026, by a vote of _____ ayes and _____ nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

_____
Michael D. Blomquist, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Juliette Helsham, City Secretary

City Council Memorandum

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE: August 18, 2026**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AUTHORITY TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CEDAR TRAILS, BLOCK 002, LOT TRACT C, ACRES 3.066, GENERALLY LOCATED BETWEEN THE NORTHEASTERN CORNER OF EAST KNIGHTS WAY AND CEDRO AVENUE AND THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF EAST KNIGHTS WAY AND CEDAR TRAIL, HARKER HEIGHTS, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS. (CITY MANAGER)

EXPLANATION:

At the July 7 Special Council Meeting, Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of land to wit: Cedar Trails Block 002, Lot Tract C, Acres 3.066, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. The purchase price is $503,422.92. The contract has been prepared and signed by all parties. A closing date will soon be set. Staff requests Council's approval to complete the purchase of Cedar Trails Block 002, Lot Tract C, Acres 3.066, generally located between the northeastern corner of East Knights Way and Cedro Avenue and the northwestern corner of East Knights Way and Cedar Trail, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas.

On August 4, 2026, the City Council discussed and postponed taking action until next available meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.

ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Motion to **Approve / Disapprove** the City Manager's authority to complete the purchase of property described as Cedar Trails Block 002, Lot Tract C, Acres 3.066, generally located between the northeastern corner of East Knights Way and Cedro Avenue and the northwestern corner of East Knights Way and Cedar Trail, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas.
2. Any other action desired.

ATTACHMENTS:

3 Ac FM 2410 MLS Pages
Location Map

00 FM2410, Belton, Texas 76513

MLS #: 600310

Listing

MLS#: **600310 (Active)** List Price: **$690,208** **00 FM2410 Belton, TX 76513**



Commercial-Unimproved

List Price:	**$690,208**	First Right Refusal Option:	**N/A**
Orig Price:	**$690,208**		
Price/SQFT:		Subdivision:	
County:	**Bell**	School District:	
Type:	**Acreage**		
#Stories:	**None**	Waterfront:	**No**
#Buildings:		Apx Acreage:	**3.169**
Zoned:	**Yes**	Lot Dimensions:	
Zoning Type:	**B4**	Year Built:	
Apx SqFt:		Year Built Src:	**Appraisal District**
Source SqFt:	**Appraisal District**	In City Limits:	**Yes**
Construction Status:	**None**		

Schedule a Showing

Legal Description: **CEDAR TRAILS, BLOCK 002, LOT TRACT C, ACRES 3.066**

Property ID:	**525828**	Geo ID:	**0677599810**	Lot/Block:	
Road Frontage:	**445'**	Apx Office SqFt:		Apx Retail SqFt:	
Avg Ann Gross Inc:		Avg Ann Grs Exp:		Lease Basis:	
Bldg Center Name:				Lease Type:	
				Lease Rate:	
Access:				FEMA Flood Plain:	**Unknown**
Front Faces:				Current Gross:	
Sprinkler System:					

Apx Whse SqFt:					
Net Pass Thru:					
Pass Thru Basis:					
ETJ:	**Yes**				

Owner(s) Legal Name: **CBBHH Holdings LLC**

Concession: **If Yes, the Seller may consider a Buyer concession if it is included in an offer.**

Concession In Price:

Earnest Money:		Also For Rent:		Additional MLS#:	
Documents on File:					
Financing Avail:	**None**				
Possession:	**Closing, Funding**				
Prospects Exempt:	**No**				
Agent Disclosure:					
Community Web:					
Exemptions:					
Listing Type:	**Exclusive Right to Sell**				
Multiple PID #'s:					
Sale Type:	**Resale**			Tax Annl Amt:	**$780**
Taxed by Mult Counties:		Estimated Tax:		Tax Rate:	**1.86**

Currently Leased:			
Sale Type:	**Resale**		
Short Sale:			
Tax Year:	**2025**		

Parking:	**None**		
Constr Materials:	**None**		
Foundation:	**None**	Roof:	
Heat:	**None**	Flooring:	**None**
A/C:	**None**	Rail Service:	**No**
Water/Sewer:	**City Water, Public Sewer**	Attic:	**None**
Amenities:	**None**		
Disability Feat:	**None**		
Other Utilities:	**Available**		
Water Features/View:	**None**		
Topo/Land Desc:	**3-5 Acres**		
Sale Includes:			
Lease Includes:	**None**		
Access/Road Surface:	**City Street, US Highway**		

Lockbox Type:
Lockbox Loc:

Public Remarks:
Commercial Land - Located at the corner of FM 2410 and Cedar Trail - 3.169+/- Acres zone B4 Commercial. Priced at $690,208.00 or $5 psf. Located in the city limits of Harker Heights, Texas. TXDOT Traffic Count is 6,423 cars per day in this growing area. City water and sewer are available. Examples of B4 Commercial use is any permitted use of lower zoning such as office, general business, coffee shop, barber shop, school, police or fire station, place of worship, fitness center, cleaners, pharmacy, florist, nursing home, child care, real estate office, restaurant, retail store, grocery store, bank, hotel, and parking lots, bakery, dance hall, skating rink, public garage, bowling alley, antique shop and more. An additional 3.169+/- acres is available next door on the other side of Cedar Trail at FM 2410.
Agent Only Remarks:

Directions:
From Harker Heights drive east on FM 2410 to the corner of Cedar Trail. Sign is on the property.
Showing Instructions:
Go

Showing Phone: **254-466-4996** Show Phone 2:

DOM:	**18**	CDOM: **18**	IDX: **Yes**	Internet: **Yes**	Disp Addr: **Yes**	Allow AVM: **Yes**	Allow Cmts: **No**
List Date:	**12/18/2025**	Expire Date: **12/31/2026**	Off Market Date:			Pending Date:	

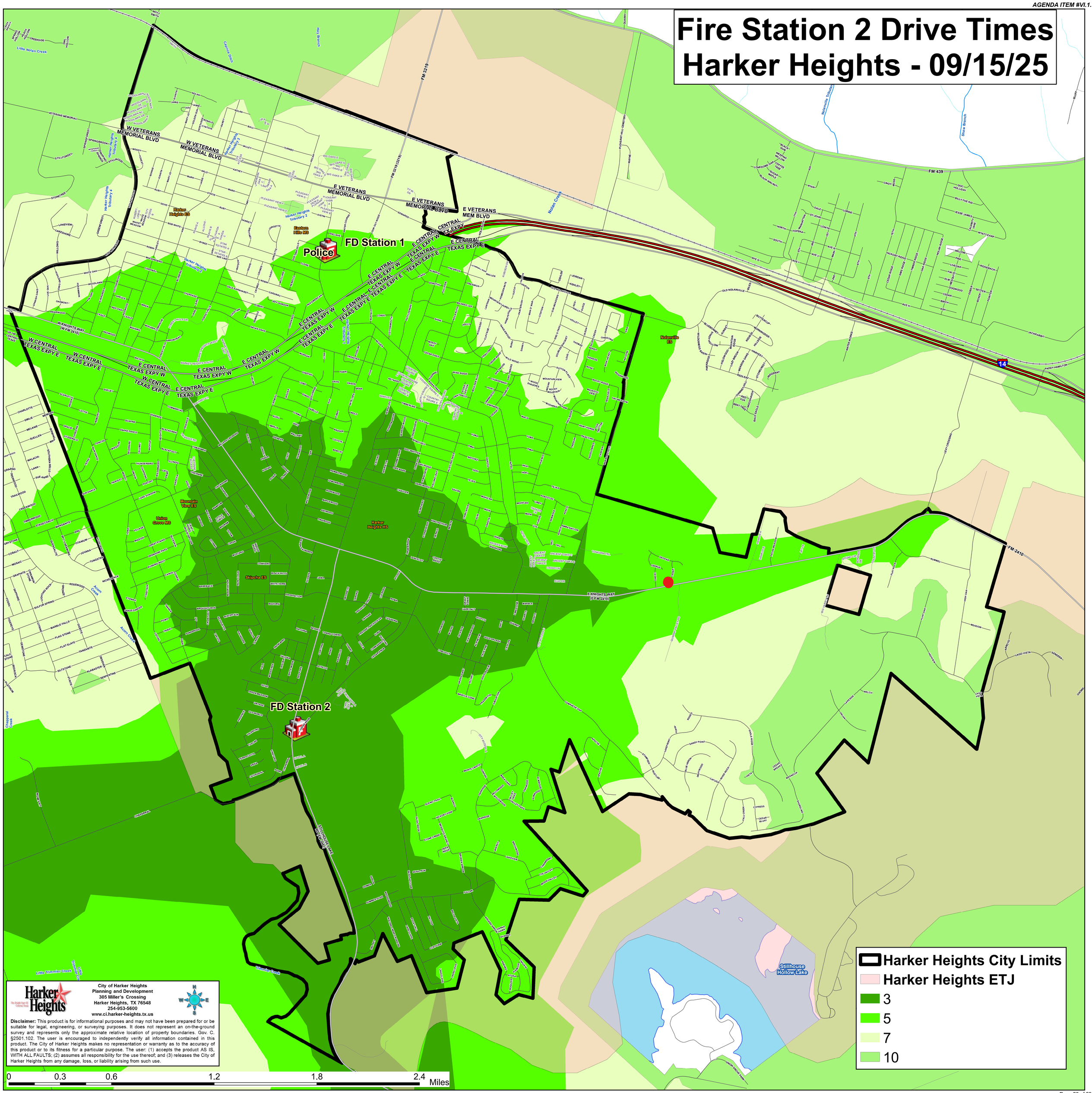
Listing Office:	**(H7955550) John Reider Properties II, Ltd**	List Agent:	**Barry Hinshaw**
Office Phone:	**(254) 699-8300**	Agent Email:	**barryhinshaw@johnreider.com**
		Contact #:	**(254) 466-4996**

Prepared By: Barry Hinshaw

Date Printed: 01/05/2026

Information Deemed Reliable But Not Guaranteed

Fire Station 2 Drive Times
Harker Heights - 09/15/25



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City Council Memorandum

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE: August 18, 2026**

RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A PRESENTATION REGARDING A PROPOSED CHANGE TO COUNCIL MEETING FREQUENCY FROM FOUR MEETINGS TO TWO MEETINGS PER MONTH. (CITY MANAGER)

EXPLANATION:

Council currently meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 3:00 p.m. for Council Workshops and on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 5:00 p.m. for regular Council Meetings. Council members have approached staff regarding a potential transition to a two-meetings-per-month schedule.

If Council chooses to move to a two-meetings-per-month schedule, staff recommends incorporating workshop discussion items into the 5:00 p.m. Council Meetings. Under this approach, meetings would be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and structured as follows:

Call to Order
Roll Call
Invocation
Pledges
Proclamations/presentations
Presentation by Citizens
Consent Agenda
Public Hearings
Regular Business
New Matters for Discussion
Items from Council/Announcements
Adjournment

Staff desires Council input in moving meetings from four times per month to two.