# Jones Creek

Proposed Annual Municipal Budget

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Dear Board of Alderman,

This document was prepared for the Village of Jones Creek's General Fund for Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 Operating Budget in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 102. It was filed with the City Secretary/Administrator's Office on August 19, 2025, as prescribed by LGC §102.005.

#### BRIEF HISTORY OF JONES CREEK, TEXAS

Since this document is required by LGC §102.005(c) to be posted on the Village of Jones Creek's website, and will potentially be viewed by the general public, I have included a brief history of Jones Creek, Texas.

The Village of Jones Creek, Texas is located in Southwestern Brazoria County along Highway 36. It stretches for approximately 5 miles along Highway 36 and is about 2 miles wide. It is conveniently located close to Bryan Beach, Quintana Beach, and Surfside Beach, with excellent shopping and restaurants nearby in Lake Jackson, Freeport, and Brazoria.

With a current population of 1,985 per the 2020 census, it is home to Stephen F. Austin Elementary "The Pride of Jones Creek", several historical markers, and the original gravesite of Stephen F. Austin at the Gulf Prairie Cemetery.

Jones Creek is rich in history, which includes The Battle of Jones Creek, and the settlement of "The Old Three Hundred." What was once gorgeous plantations set among massive live oak trees, is now a quiet, picturesque community consisting of several churches, convenience stores, and other diverse businesses.

#### **OVERVIEW**

It is the goal of any government to provide detailed information to the taxpayers of predicted expenses and revenues. Although, some things can be pre-determined, most items on the proposed budgets are subject to vary due to unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances.

Included in the proposed budget is the adopted budget of revenues and expenses for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the 2024-2025 fiscal year. When predicting amounts for a proposed budget three previous fiscal year's revenues and expenditures, along with other documents, are used to

make upcoming predictions. Again, these numbers are a projection and are subject to change through council consideration by a budget amendment when an emergency situation applies.

#### **REVENUE**

It is my recommendation, to propose a tax rate of \$0.52000 per \$100. This tax rate is considered over the Voter Approval Rate as calculated by the Brazoria County Tax Assessor and Collector. VILLAGE OF JONES CREEK ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 70.46 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$200.00 All other sources of revenue are predicted to remain similar as years past and some line items are accounted to have a slight increase due to rebounding from the national inflation of good and

services. Court fines are projected to increase due to Hwy 36 expansion project.

#### **EXPENDITURES**

There are multiple key improved items to this proposed budget, along with the continual, yearly expenditures to maintain and operate the Village of Jones Creek. It is our goal to only expend funds as necessary to see to the day-to-day function of the City, and to stay within the guidelines set forth in the budget ordinance, once passed.

Currently the Village of Jones Creek has employed nine full-time employees and two part-time employees. This includes members of the Jones Creek Marshal's Office Police Reserve Force.

	Administration	Marshal's Dept.	Municipal Court	Street Dept.	Total
Full-time	2	5	1	1	9
Part-time	0	1	1	0	2

This budget does propose a variable pay raise of 1%-3% for all full-time employees. This budget does not include funds for additional full-time or part-time staffing.

Also to note, the cost for retirement was decreased from a rate of 5.67% to 5.59% as indicated by the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

There are no other significate notations to the expenditures of this proposed budget. All other items are general day-to-day operation costs.

#### CONCLUSION

This proposed budget is shown in comparison to the current fiscal year's 2023-2024 adopted budget and fiscal year's 2024-2026 adopted budget; however, please note the current year's budget is due to change via a budget amendment.

I encourage you to review the proposed budget closely and look forward to your input at the upcoming City Council meeting. If you have any other questions, please feel free to let me know.

Respectfully,

Corey Thomas, Mayor Village of Jones Creek, Texas

# Village of Jones Creek Municipal Budget for FY 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Fiscal Year 2023-2024 2024-2025 2025-2026

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**Proposed** 

REVENUES			
	Adopted 23-24	Adopted 24-25	Proposed 25- 26
Certificate of Deposits/Investments	\$53,500	\$53,500	\$ 54,400

Misc. Income			
Brazoria County Arrest Fee	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 200
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
Capital Surplus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,510	\$ 2,510	\$ 200

Outside Revenue			
Ad Valorem Tax	\$ 334,862	\$ 352,000	\$ 591,030
BCCA	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Franchise Fees	\$ 83,000	\$ 83,000	\$ 75,000
Interest Earned	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 9,000
Sales Tax Revenues	\$ 100,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
Total	\$ 533,862	\$ 626,000	\$ 851,030

Permits/Fees			
Animal Registration Fees	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 500
Annual Game Room Fees	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,400
Inspection Fees	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000
Golf Cart Fees	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 100
Heavy Load permit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000

Pipeline Permit	\$ -		\$ 15,000
Vendor Fees	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Total	\$ 20,330	\$ 25,330	\$ 31,100

Service Income			
Court Fines	\$ 353,800	\$ 460,000	\$ 460,000
Marshal's Report Fees	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
NSF Fee	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000
Rental Income	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000
Trash Bags	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ 1,500
Trash Service Receipts	\$ 275,000	\$ 285,000	\$ 285,000
Total	\$ 642,575	\$ 765,775	\$ 757,625

TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,252,777	\$ 1,419,615	\$ 1,639,955
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EXPENDITURES			
	Adopted 2023-2024	Adopted 2024-2025	Proposed 2025-2026

# PAYROLL

Salaries			
Administration	\$ 105,247	\$ 109,533	\$ 111,390
Marshal's Dept.	\$ 382,232	\$ 398,399	\$ 438,414
Municipal Court	\$ 83,400	\$ 91,277	\$ 109,912
Street Dept.	\$ 44,994	\$ 46,072	\$ 48,823
Benefits			
Administration	\$ 28,392	\$ 30,226	\$ 30,266
Marshal's Dept.	\$ 46,668	\$ 52,840	\$ 52,842
Municipal Court	\$ 14,196	\$ 16,013	\$ 21,052
Street Dept.	\$ 14,196	\$ 15,113	\$ 15,114

Retirement			
Administration	\$ 5,279	\$ 6,179	\$ 6,060
Marshal's Dept.	\$ 19,304	\$ 19,918	\$ 21,479
Municipal Court	\$ 2,778	\$ 2,709	\$ 3,700
Street Dept.	\$ 2,272	\$ 2,636	\$ 2,656
Taxes			
Administration	\$ 9,498	\$ 9,545	\$ 10,425
Marshal's Dept.	\$ 25,922	\$ 34,000	\$ 40,461
Municipal Court	\$ 7,027	\$ 8,229	\$ 10,925
Street Dept.	\$ 2,792	\$ 4,160	\$ 4,621
Direct Deposit	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$ 794,597	\$ 847,249	\$ 928,140

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Capital Expenditures			
Surplus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Dues			
ARCIT	\$ 395	\$ 395	\$ 395
BCCA	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
Brazosport Chamber	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
HGAC	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
International Code Council	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145
KBCBA	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
Newpaper Notices	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,300	\$ 2,500
SAM.Gov registery	\$ -		\$ 600
Texas Municipal League	\$ 803	\$ 803	\$ 826
Tx Municipal Clerk's Ass.	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 125
GCCC	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 170

Website	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,100
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Equipment		
City Upgrades	\$ -	

Insurance			
Liability Insurance	\$ 11,617	\$ 10,819	\$ 12,319
Surety Bond	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 125
Windstorm Insurance	\$ 5,433	\$ 5,433	\$ 5,433
Worker's Compensation	\$ 13,572	\$ 12,376	\$ 14,050

Professional Fees			
Alarm System	\$ 480	\$ 480	\$ 480
Animal Control	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Appraisal District	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,400
Attorney's Fees	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Audit	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 40,000
Building Inspections	\$ 11,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,500
Bookkeeping	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000
Communications Systems	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Computer/Software Maint.	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 5,500
Council Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500
Credit Card Fees	\$ 4,700	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Elections	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
ERS - Assessment Fee	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 35
Event Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Tax Assessor	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
Pest Treatment	\$ 1,348	\$ 1,348	\$ 1,400
Webpay Service	\$ 625	\$ _	0

Supplies			
Office Copier Maintenance	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 900

Office Postage/Mailing	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500
Office Supplies	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,400

Travel			
Mileage	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450
Seminars and Training	\$ 1,500	\$ 865	\$ 865

Utilities			
Electric	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Gas	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450
Internet	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000
Telephones	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,000

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	\$	107,378	\$	125,653	\$	158,468
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### MARSHAL'S DEPARTMENT

Equipment			
Aircards	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,500
Law Enforcement Equipment	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

Insurance			
Law Enforcement Insurance	\$ 5,906	\$ 5,443	\$ 6,867

Professional Fees			
Whooster	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Computer/Software Maint	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 5,445
County MCT Maintenance	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
Dispatch Service Fees	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Leads Online	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,304

RMS MCT Maintenance	\$ 2,500	\$	2,500	\$ 2,500
TCLEDDS	\$ 400	\$	400	\$ 400
Supplies				
Office Copier Maintenance	\$ 750	\$	750	\$ 900
Office Supplies	\$ 2,200	\$	2,300	\$ 1,800
Uniforms	\$ 1,550	\$	1,550	\$ 1,550
Travel				
Seminars and Training	\$ -	\$	1,200	\$ 2,000
Utilities				
Telephones	\$ 2,700	\$	3,400	\$ 2,000
Vehicle				
Fuel	\$ 25,900	\$	25,000	\$ 25,000
Maintenance	\$ 5,000	\$	6,000	\$ 15,000
TOTAL MARSHAL'S EXPENSE	\$ 59,106	\$	61,693	\$ 74,266
MUNICIPAL COURT				
Dues				
Texas Muncipal Court's Assn.	\$ 75	\$	75	\$ 200
Professional Fees				
Computer/Software Maint	\$ 330	\$	330	\$ 330
Interpreter License	\$ 50	\$	50	\$ 430
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Juror's Fees	\$ 360	\$	360	\$ 360

Prisoner Keep	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Collection fees		\$ 22,000	\$ 25,000
Prosecutor	\$ -	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Taxes on Fines	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000

Supplies			
Office Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

Travel			
Mileage	\$ 600	\$ 800	\$ 1,200
Seminars and Training	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500

TOTAL MUNICIPAL COURT EXPENS	\$	106,015	\$	188,215	\$	192,120
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## CITY MAINTENANCE

Maintenance			
Building Maintenance	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000
Street and Drainage Repairs	\$ -		\$ 1,000
Park Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000

Professional Fees			
Easement Maintenance	\$ -	\$	1,000

Supplies			
Building Supplies	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000
Signs	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 500

Travel			
Mileage	\$ -	\$	400

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Seminars and Training	\$ 500	\$	1,500	\$	1,500
Utlitities					
Street Lights	\$ 5,500	\$	6,800	\$	6,600
TOTAL BUILDING EXPENSE	\$ 13,500	\$	16,300	\$	22,000
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TRASH SERVICE					
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Professional Fees					
Computer/Software Maint	\$ 655	\$	700	\$	900
Postage	\$ 3,600	\$	3,700	\$	4,500
Sales Tax	\$ 17,000	\$	18,780	\$	17,000
Trash Services	\$ 150,000	\$	156,000	\$	150,000
Supplies					
Office Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$	700	\$	1,500
TOTAL TRASH EXPENSE	\$ 172,255	\$	179,880	\$	173,900
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GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,252,851	\$	1,418,990	\$	1,548,894
GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1.252.777	\$	1,419,615	\$	1,639,955
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