

Since 2010, the City of Terrell has issued building permits totaling \$102 million.



“Terrell has established itself as the economic center of Kaufman County, and as the regional destination for business, shopping, living, and commerce.” — Mayor Hal Richards

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Room to Boom

The new Police Department Headquarters will be a state-of-the-art law enforcement center that features a cutting edge community room designed with 100-seat capacity. The building will open in 2016.



Terrell America

Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016 City of Terrell Budget Highlights

Terrell enjoys one of the lowest property tax rates in Kaufman County because we are growing our tax base in a sustainable manner. Kaufman County Appraisal District forecasts a 5% increase in assessed property valuation. Housing starts have increased 400% since Council adopted the residential incentive program in 2012 and the median single-family home sales value has increased 69%. Our budget priorities continue to make Terrell a safe, comfortable community that's booming with new industry and business.



This summer, Terrell opened the first Buc-ee's in North Texas, located in what is named Market Center east of FM 148. This new retail will add \$22 million in new value as a group, becoming the fourth largest taxpayer in Terrell.

Roadway Initiatives

- Increase asphalt roadway maintenance program
- Initiate an innovative, full-depth pavement rehabilitation process
- Continue concrete roadway repair, roadway striping, and crack sealing
- Fund entryway and wayfinding signs
- Fund street lights from Rose Street to Airport Road and lighting below the SH-34 bridge



Top Budget Priorities Enhance Our Quality of Life

- Add one new Police Officer
- Fund downtown redevelopment program
- Renovate and improve our Senior Center
- Grow our Library Services with Adult Literacy Programming
- Partner with Terrell ISD to create a new Youth Recreation Manager position under our parks department
- Improve our park restrooms
- Maintain A1 and AA bond ratings
- Create a new Park Master Plan and a new Comprehensive Plan
- Continue efforts to develop a private medical facility/hospital

Utility Initiatives

- The Storm Water Fund includes an increase in the base billing rate from \$1.00 per residential unit to \$3.75. This will allow the City to tackle a record ten major storm water projects, preventing damage by floodwaters and protecting the community from unsanitary and unsightly drainage problems.
- The budget includes an 8.5% increase for water and 14.00% for wastewater. This will provide sufficient funding to offset the rising cost of water, customer service improvements and wastewater system efficiencies.
- We will improve customer service in water utilities through accurate meter reading, the Pay as You Go capital program, and tree root control.