

January 2025

Dear Resident of New Berlin City and its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ),

Hope this letter finds you all doing well. As a resident of the New Berlin community, you enjoy a country atmosphere with neighbors who are willing to help each other. We have rich traditions such as our Volunteer Fire Department's annual fund-raising events, and integral groups like the Community Club.

You may not know this, but New Berlin is the only city in Guadalupe County without a mandated local property tax to help fund city expenses. Instead, our city only asks for a voluntary donation of \$200 or more per year per residence to help cover city expenses. Not everyone participates so the City Council must and does use money from this voluntary donation and local sales tax revenues very frugally. However, the costs to maintain roads and other large item expenses fall strictly on the city's budget. Guadalupe County currently does not give our city any money for roadways in our area that are not part of the state highway system such as FM 775. Even though property owners pay a county road tax, the city receives none of that money.

2024 TAX RATES Examples of Neighboring City Property Tax Rates and Property Values:

City	Tax Rate	Tax for \$100,000 home	Tax for \$200,00 home
Cibolo	.4699	\$469.90	\$939.80
Marion	.5358	\$535.90	\$1,071.80
Santa Clara	.1514	\$151.40	\$302.80
Seguin	.5125	\$512.50	\$1025.00

The City Council does not want to implement a city property tax. This means we rely on citizens like you to keep making voluntary contributions. Please consider donating more than \$200 if you are able.

Reminder: City Council regularly meets every third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Agendas and minutes are posted on the city website: NEWBERLINTX.GOV where you can also request notifications of community news and when agendas & minutes are posted under Subscribe Now found at the bottom of any web page.

If you have already donated this year, THANK YOU!



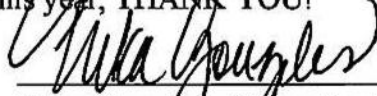
Walter C. Williams Jr, Mayor



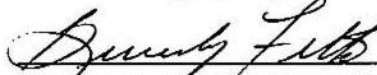
Joyce Wolfe, City Council



Jeffrey Schlichting, City Council



Erika Gonzales, Mayor Pro-Tem



Beverly Felts, City Council



Mike Hale, City Council

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PLEASE PRINT & COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS:

Name(s) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Donation:

☐ **I/We would like to donate to help our city! Please put donation into the:**
(If not marked, your donation will go to one of these funds.)

☐ **1. General Fund**

☐ **2. Road Fund**

Payment Method:

- ☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ _____
(Please make check payable to City of New Berlin)
- ☐ If cash, please drop it by City Hall during regular business hours

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To contact City Hall, call 830-914-2455

Thank you for your support!

Comments: We would enjoy hearing from you.
