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QUICK FACTS

Located on the US 75 growth corridor between McKinney and the Red River, Howe is ideally located and poised for both residential and commercial development.

Locally owned businesses ranging from restaurants, antiques shops, to numerous providers of different services contributed to an increase in sales tax receivables of \$183,000 in 2010 to \$317,000 in 2016. Economic Development Director Monte Walker (mwalker@cityofhowe.org) is heading the "shop local" program here in Howe. Monte is aggressively seeking to have a grocery store, which is consistently the number one business citizens would like to have locate in Howe. Monte also assists the Howe Development Alliance in seeking the development of commercial business in Howe. Howe has an active Chamber of Commerce and an active Keep Howe Beautiful committee. Contact Monte at 903.532.6080 for information on the Howe Development Alliance, Chamber of Commerce or Keep Howe Beautiful.

Jeff Stanley (jstanley@cityofhowe.org) who is the Mayor of Howe and has held that position since 2008 is leading the city in a positive financial direction with the cooperation of a progressive City Council.

Chief of Police Carl Hudman (chudman@cityofhowe.org) leads a team of seven officers that are dedicated to protecting the citizens of Howe.

The Howe Volunteer Fire Department has a full slate of qualified firefighters led by Fire Chief Robert Maniet.

City Secretary Joy Stevens (jstevens@cityofhowe.org) 903.532.5571 is available to answer any and all questions concerning the operations at city hall and David Wortham (dwortham@cityofhowe.org), Director of Public Works, is in charge of the water, sewer, and refuse collection departments.

2016-17 Taxation

State Sales Tax	6.25 %
General Revenue Sales Tax	1.00%
Ad valorem reduction Sales Tax	0.50%
Economic Development (4-B) Sales Tax	0.50 %
Total	8.25 %
City of Howe Tax Rate	\$0.63
Howe I.S.D Tax Rate	\$1.41
Grayson County Tax Rate	\$0.47
Grayson County Junior College Tax Rate	\$0.18
Total	\$2.69
City of Howe Budget	\$2,938,672

Water, Sewer, Refuse collection

Rates - one bill

	<u>WATER</u>
\$27.15	Base
\$7.45	per 1,000 next 4,000
\$8.35	per 1,000 next 20,000
\$9.30	per 1,000 next 20,000
\$9.90	per 1,000 all over 45,000

	<u>SEWER</u>
\$33.60	Base
\$5.25	per additional metered 1,000 gallons

	<u>TRASH (solid waste)</u>
\$13.35	Base
\$1.10	Tax

	<u>MINIMUM BILL</u>
\$27.15	Water
\$33.60	Sewer
\$13.35	Trash
\$1.10	Tax
\$75.20	Total

	<u>5,000 gallons usage</u>
\$56.95	Water
\$54.60	Sewer
\$13.35	Trash
\$1.10	Tax
\$126.00	Total

	<u>10,000 gallons usage</u>
\$98.70	Water
\$80.85	Sewer
\$13.35	Trash
\$1.10	Tax
\$194.00	Total

HISTORY OF HOWE

Founded in 1872, Howe was incorporated and became a "town" in 1884 and originally came into existence as a result of a land purchase agreement between Houston and Texas Central Railway and Jabez Haning (pronounced Hey-ning). Howe at 873 feet, the highest point on the rail line between Houston and the Red River, was initially named Summit. The railroad representative who negotiated the land purchase with Mr. Haning was F.M. Howe which led to renaming the city "Howe".

As a major grain shipping city in the late 1800's and the home of the Red Rust-Proof Oats Company, the population stood at 450 in 1890 and had churches, hotels, doctors, barbers, druggists, and a gristmill operated by a Farmer's Alliance Cooperative.

Newspapers published from the founding of the City until the present include the *Howe Herald* that ran from 1890 and ceased operation around 1910. In the 1930' and 40's, the city was served by *The Howe Messenger*. Former Texas Governor James Ferguson published *The Howe Chronicle* along with his brother A.M. Ferguson during the late 1930's. *The Howe Enterprise* was established in 1963 and is entering the 54th year of publication. Today you can read the paper on-line at howeenterprise.com.

Howe became nationally known in 1940 when Mame Roberts became a national figure in beatification programs. As a result of Ms. Roberts' determination and hard work, her home town of Howe was named "Prettiest Little Town in Texas" by *Reader's Digest* and *Life Magazine*.

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Parks

Memorial Park, located on the northeast corner of N. Denny St. and E. Kosse St. The park features a pavilion with playground equipment and picnic tables.

A.M. Ferguson Park, located at 401 S. Hughes was established in 1971 as a baseball field for ages 5 through 8.

Bicentennial Park, established in 1976 and located on the west side service road of southbound US 75. This 5-acre park contains two baseball fields. Kids ages 11-14 utilize the north field while the

south field is for youngsters who are nine and ten.

Reed Park, located at 1000 Swanner Dr. and is a community park with swings, slides and picnic areas.

Casey & Dot Jones Park, Plans are underway to construct hiking and biking trails as well as tennis courts along with baseball, football and soccer facilities. The city has applied for a grant that will help kick-start the development of this park into a center of recreational activities.



City Services

The City is your provider for water, waste water treatment and refuse disposal. These three services are included in the utility bill. Payment for utility service is due before the tenth of each month. After the 10th, a late payment of 10% is applied. (cut-off day for non-payment is the 21st of the month. Reconnection fee is \$50 during normal business hours and \$75 for “after-hours” reconnection). If you have city utilities and do not receive a bill for a specific month

by the tenth, contact the utility department at 903.532.5571.

In addition to a night drop box located on the east of side of city hall, payments can be made in person, over the phone, U.S. Mail, or bank draft. The city accepts cash, checks, online bill pay, and Visa and Mastercard (debit or credit).

Any form of payment received after the 10th will be charged the late applicable fee.

Youth sports

Howe offers youth football, basketball, baseball and softball.

Howe Youth Baseball signups are in January and information can be found at www.leaguelineup.com/howeyouthbaseball



Howe Youth Softball signups are in January and information can be found at www.leaguelineup.com/howeyouthsoftball

Howe Youth Football signups are in June and information can be

found at www.leaguelineup.com/howeyouthfootball.com

Howe Youth Cheer is operated by Athletic Cheer Force at 210 S. Collins Frwy, Howe, TX. They can be reached at 903-815-1296 or athleticcheerforce.com

Howe Youth Basketball signups for boys and girls are in October and information can be found at www.leaguelineup.com/howeyouthbasketball



Recycling and refuse removal

The refuse collection company contracted by the city will provide roll-out carts or dumpsters. Residential collections are made each Tuesday barring holidays that fall on Tuesdays or in case of extreme weather conditions. Containers need to be placed at the curb-side or edge of the street no later than Seven a.m. each Tuesday. Please collect your container once the company has emptied the container. Items that are not in the container will not be collected. Please place your refuse in a plastic bag before placing it in the container.

The first Saturday of each month is “bulk item” day. Items need to be at your regular collection

location by seven a.m. Since the collection company will not pick up certain items (tires, batteries, appliances and similar items) if you have questions contact city hall before placing items for bulk pick up.

Also on the first Saturday a large container is located at the City Utility complex located in the 400 blk of South Hughes. It is typically available starting at 8 a.m. and closed at noon or when it is filled, whichever comes first.

A recycling bin(s) is also located at the Utility complex and is typically available for use during regular business hours. Please contact city hall before taking items to the recycling bin.



HOWE

Coming Together Since 1872



Howe, Texas... Family, Community, and Wealth of Pride

HOWE POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

	10 MINUTES	15 MINUTES
TOTAL POPULATION	10,162	44,867
EMPLOYEES	5,658	16,001
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	3,702	16,401
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME	\$69,394	\$64,101
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME	\$58,809	\$49,048

QUALITY EDUCATION



Howe ISD consistently ranks among the top school districts in the state. Howe High School, in 2015-16 is ranked in the top 4.7 percent among all school campuses in Texas in TEA ratings.



The contribution of GC influences both the lives of students and also the regional economy. The college serves a range of industries in Texoma and supports local businesses, and society as a whole in Texas benefits from an expanded economy and improved quality of life.



Austin College is a private, residential, co-educational college dedicated to educating undergraduate students in the liberal arts and sciences while also offering select pre-professional programs and a graduate teacher education program.



36,491 vehicles per day on
US Highway 75



Contact Monte Walker
mwalker@cityofhowe.org 903.532.6080

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HOWE LEADERSHIP

Mayor: Jeffrey Stanley
Mayor Pro-Tem: Sam Haigis
Councilmember: Darren Foster
Councilmember: Georgia Richardson
Councilmember: Bill French
Councilmember: Sam Haigis
Councilmember: Debbie Lowery

City Council meets the third
Tuesday of each month at 6:00
pm at Council Chambers,
located at 700 W. Haning St.,
Howe, Texas, 75459

City Contacts

City Hall

116 E. Haning St., 903-532-5571
City Manager: Joe Shephard
City Secretary: Joy Stevens

Utility Billing and Municipal Court

116 E. Haning St. 903-532-5571
Utility Clerk: Beccy Roberts
Court Clerk: Michelle Hill
(After hours night drop available)

Public Works

317 S. Hughes St.
Public Works Director: David Wortham

Code Enforcement

317 S. Hughes St.
Code Enforcement Officer: Bert Dowlen

Howe Fire Department

118 E. Haning 903-532-6888 (non-emergency)
Fire Chief: Robert Maniet

Howe Police Department

700 W. Haning St. 903-532-9971 (non-emergency) Dispatch 903-813-4411
Police Chief: Carl Hudman
Police Sergeant: Michael Hill

Economic Development

101 E. Haning St. 903-532-6080
EDC Director: Monte Walker

City Boards and Commissions

All meetings take place at 700 W.
Haning St.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Meets third Monday as needed

Howe Community Facilities

Development Corporation

Meets as needed

For more information visit the city's
website www.cityofhowe.org

HELPFUL CONTACTS

Cable, Internet and Telephone Service

Cable One	903-893-6548	www.cableone.net
Dish Network (LOCAL)	903-892-3499	cavenderht.com
Direct TV	855-567-1663	www.directtv.com
Frontier	888-800-3390	https://frontier.com

Chamber

Howe Area Chamber of Commerce	903-532-6080	www.howechamber.com
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Grayson County

Sherman Animal Control	903-892-7255	www.ci.sherman.tx.us
Jury Information	903-813-4200	www.co.grayson.tx.us/jury
Sheriff's Department	903-813-4200	www.co.grayson.tx.us/sheriff
Tax Assessor	903-813-4200	www.co.grayson.tx.us/tax assessor

Electricity and Gas Service

Atmos Energy	888-286-6700	www.atmosenergy.com
GCEC (Electric)	903-482-5231	www.gcec.net
Oncor (TXU)	800-242-9113	www.oncor.com

Post Office

Howe Post Office	903-532-5431	www.usps.com
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Banks

Independent Bank – Howe	903-532-5521	www.independent-bank.com
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Schools

Howe ISD Administration	903-532-5518	www.howeisd.net
Howe Elementary School	903-532-3320	www.howeisd.net
Howe Middle School	903-532-3286	www.howeisd.net
Howe High School	903-532-3236	www.howeisd.net

News

Howe Enterprise online newspaper	903-267-6704	howeenterprise.com
Herald Democrat	903-893-8181	heralddemocrat.com
KXII-TV	903-892-8123	kxii.com
KTEN-TV	903-465-1368	kten.com