



## **Boom Town: City of Buda Growing at Rapid Pace**

### ***Buda Posts 77.9% Increase in Population in Five-Year Span***

**BUDA, TX** — What was once known as a small, quiet railroad town is now one of the fastest growing cities in the state of Texas. According to a March 2016 report by the *Texas State Data Center*, the City of Buda saw a 77.9% increase in population from 2010 to 2015. As of January 1, 2015, Buda had an estimated population of 12,979. Buda remains the fastest growing city with a population greater than 10,000 in Texas.



***I-35 Buda Monument Sign***

In 2015, the city issued 398 single family permits, plus 302 multi-family unit permits. Year-to-date for 2016, 70 single family permits have been issued. Buda Planning Director Chance Sparks says the rapid growth presents unique challenges for the city.

“We must appropriately manage the growth while simultaneously seeking to promote and preserve the quality of life for Buda citizens,” Sparks said.

The citizens of Buda play a vital role in planning for the future. In 2014, voters approved a \$55 million bond aimed at improving streets, drainage, and parks and trails. The bond includes new municipal facilities and public safety facilities.

“The city has done a tremendous job at getting the infrastructure in place to address the growth as we move forward,” Sparks said. “The growth presents an opportunity for us to apply new standards designed to implement the Comprehensive Plan developed by the community.”



***Historic Downtown Buda***

Buda’s small town charm is a major attraction for residents and visitors alike. The historic downtown area is packed with antique shops, boutiques, restaurants, taverns, and more.

Buda’s population growth isn’t a surprise to Ann Miller. Miller is the Executive Director of the Buda Economic Development Corporation.

“Buda’s population growth goes hand in hand with business growth in the community, as the population grows more businesses are attracted to the community because it provides a great source of employees and customers.” Miller said.

“With roughly 150 people moving to the Austin Metro each day, Buda is an attractive location since our City provides ample employment opportunities in a diverse range of industries, a great quality of life, and a low cost of living. Over the next few years, I anticipate the southern portion of the Austin metro to continue to grow substantially as there are still large undeveloped tracts of land in this portion of the 35 corridor.”



*“Breathe Easy Here”  
Buda’s City Slogan*

Mayor Todd Ruge says despite the growth, the City Council is focused on preserving what Buda citizens have come to expect.

“Buda is still a place where neighbors help neighbors,” Ruge said. “Although we can’t stop the growth, we’re trying to foster it as a positive and that’s one of the reasons why our property taxes have remained so low. There is strength in numbers and we’re building a synergy with that growth.”

Moving forward, Ruge says the city will continue to think responsibly when it comes to adapting to the rapid growth.

“It will be an ongoing issue not only for us, but as a region. We will have to think of regional solutions to the issues that all the municipalities in this area face.”



*Historic Stagecoach House*

### ***Texas State Data Center Report***

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