



**City of Alvin, Texas**

**A Report to Our  
Citizens**

**Fiscal Year 2013-2014**



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## History Of Alvin

In 1845 Elisha and Missouri Thomas were the first documented family to arrive in the area brought by the cattle industry. They settled near Mustang Slough south of the present day Hillcrest Village Subdivision. The Santa

Fe Railroad was expanding westward from Galveston. It needed loading plans and a supply of fresh water at a location along the proposed tracks.



In 1872 the railroad hired Alvin Morgan to find a location for the stocks pens and water storage tank. He moved to the area and

constructed a house in 1879. As the area developed and more settlers moved in to the area he opened a general store and saloon. He then later moved a box car from the railroad and converted it into a post office. When the population reached 49 the residents proclaimed the area a town and named it Morgan after the original resident. Upon learning of another Morgan, Texas, the residents remained it Alvin. Alvin was officially incorporated in 1893, making it the oldest incorporated settlement in



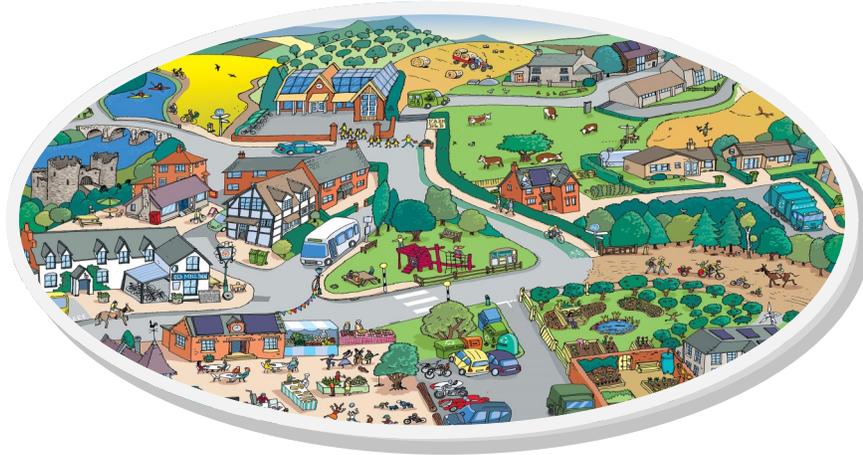
## MISSION STATEMENT

**A city government staffed with individuals who, through cooperation, teamwork and pride, serve to provide the highest level of services to its community.**

|                         | 2014     | 2013     |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Population              | 24,236   | 24,236   |
| Per Capita Income       | \$23,388 | \$22,291 |
| Unemployment Rate       | 5.70%    | 7.00%    |
| Full Time City Employee | 212      | 194      |



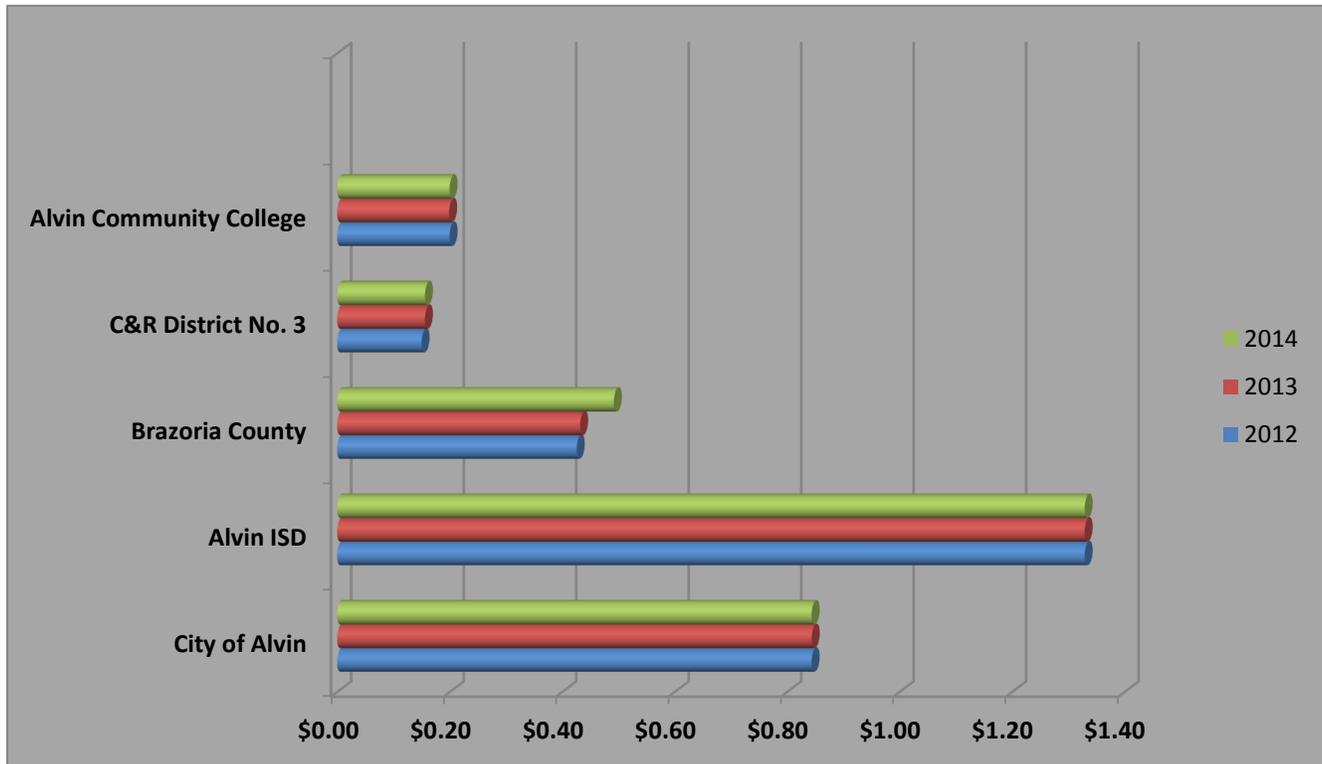
# Performance Measures & Statistics



| Fiscal Year  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Police</b>  |       |       |       |
| Physical Arrest  | 2,199 | 2,402 | 676   |
| Traffic Violations   | 3,649 | 4,522 | 5,001 |
| <b>Fire</b>  |       |       |       |
| Emergency Responses  | 560   | 551   | 675   |
| Inspections  | 428   | 333   | 740   |
| <b>Highways and Streets</b>                                      |       |       |       |
| Streets (miles)  | 180   | 180   | 180   |
| <b>Sanitation</b>  |       |       |       |
| Monthly Residential Pickups                                      | 5,486 | 5,566 | 5,683 |
| Commercial Containers  | 842   | 866   | 883   |
| <b>Culture and Recreation</b>                                    |       |       |       |
| Athletic Fields & Parks  | 22    | 22    | 22    |
| <b>Water</b>   |       |       |       |
| New Accounts   | 91    | 117   | 119   |
| Total Number of Water Connections                                | 7,567 | 7,684 | 7,803 |
| Average Daily Consumption (Residential)<br>(Millions of Gallons) | 2.40  | 2.34  | 2.34  |
| <b>Sewer</b>   |       |       |       |
| Average Daily Sewage Treatment<br>(Millions of Gallons)          | 2.86  | 2.64  | 2.64  |



# PROPERTY TAXES



|                         | 2012     | 2013     | 2014     |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| City of Alvin           | \$0.8436 | \$0.8438 | \$0.8436 |
| Alvin ISD               | \$1.3291 | \$1.3291 | \$1.3291 |
| Brazoria County         | \$0.4259 | \$0.4320 | \$0.4920 |
| C&R District No. 3      | \$0.1500 | \$0.1560 | \$0.1560 |
| Alvin Community College | \$0.1998 | \$0.1990 | \$0.1998 |

In April of 1968, the city council approved amending the City's charter to use 2/3 of the local sales tax revenue only for street, drainage and sidewalk improvements; and the remainder for General Fund purposes. For FY 2014, approximately \$4 million of the \$6 million total local sales revenue was allocated for street, drainage, and sidewalk purposes. The remaining 1/3 (or approximately \$2 million) was allocated to the General Fund. Very few cities have such stipulation in their charters. As a result, our property tax rates tend to be higher to support general fund operations. An advantage of the City's 2/3 to 1/3 sales tax allocation is that the City does not have to issue debt for street, drainage and sidewalk improvements.



# Our Finances

**What are the costs for servicing the citizens and how are those costs paid?**

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City. It exists to account for the resources used to pay for the services traditionally associated with local government. Included are police and fire protection, parks and recreation, planning and economic development, general administration of the City and any other activity for which a special fund has been created. For a complete review of all City Funds please refer to the [www.cityofalvin.com](http://www.cityofalvin.com)

## Revenues by Source – General Fund

| Fiscal Year                        | 2013              | 2014              |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Property taxes                     | 6,450,999         | 6,542,250         |
| Sales taxes                        | 2,013,524         | 2,063,104         |
| Franchise fees and taxes           | 1,292,706         | 1,339,913         |
| Other taxes                        | 219,973           | 667,914           |
| Licenses and permits               | 692,937           | 757,846           |
| Fines and forfeitures              | 405,116           | 499,308           |
| Charges for services               | 223,668           | 194,628           |
| Intergovernmental                  | 6,030             | 42,327            |
| Investment revenue                 | 11,621            | 2,117             |
| Other Sources                      | 1,659,532         | 1,350,373         |
| <b>Total General Fund Revenues</b> | <b>12,976,106</b> | <b>13,459,780</b> |

## Expenses by Service Area– General Fund

| Fiscal Year                    | 2013              | 2014              |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| General Government             | 3,540,634         | 3,717,512         |
| Public Safety                  | 7,061,249         | 6,972,316         |
| Public Services                | 764,420           | 733,558           |
| Community Services             | 69,851            | 127,112           |
| Culture, Parks, and Recreation | 1,297,817         | 1,334,715         |
| Capital Outlay                 | 287,236           | 287,236           |
| Debt Service                   | -                 | 37,758            |
| Other Uses                     | 32,974            | 21,962            |
| <b>Total General Fund</b>      | <b>13,054,181</b> | <b>13,232,169</b> |

| Fiscal Year          | 2013      | 2014      |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| General Fund Balance | 5,531,498 | 5,482,259 |



## General Fund Balance Analysis

It is the City's policy to maintain an Unassigned General Fund Balance reserve that is 25% of General Fund operating expenditures. For Fiscal Year 2014, the City's Unassigned General Fund Balance reserve reflects a balance that exceeds the City's fund balance policy — ending the year at 35% of General Fund operating expenditures.

## Independent Audit

An independent audit of the City's finances was conducted, resulting in a clean opinion. Complete financial information, including the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, can be found at [www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov).



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**October 1, 2014**

Executive Director