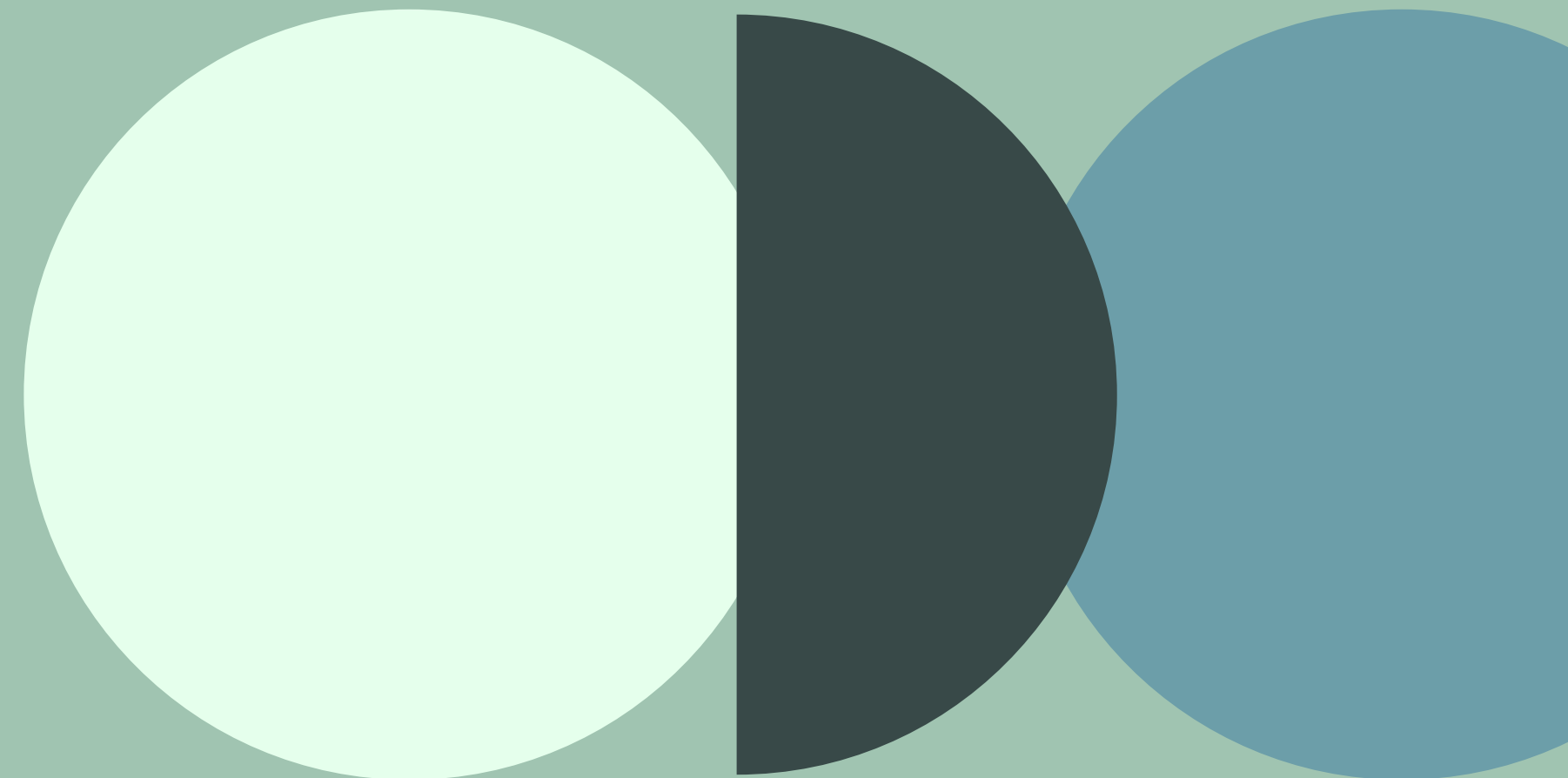




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# Ferndale City Council 2025 Scorecard

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**These are issues the  
Ferndale City Council  
discusses regularly.**

Public Safety



Business  
Climate



Taxes + Fiscal  
Responsibility

Environment





**Herb Porter**  
*Position 1*



**Ali Hawkison**  
*Position 2*



**Erin Gunter**  
*Position 3*



**McKenna Pinto-Gonzalez**  
*Position 4*



**Ryan O'Leary**  
*Position 5*



**Robert Pinkley**  
*Position 6*



**Jon Mutchler**  
*Position 7*



# How did your Ferndale City Councilmembers vote on these issues in 2025? Let's find out.

COUNCIL MEMBER	TERM ENDS	2026 PROPERTY TAX LEVY A	ALTAGAS/CHERRY POINT B	TENANT FEE BALLOT MEASURE C
<b>Herb Porter</b> <i>Position 1</i>	12/2027	✗	✓	✓
<b>Ali Hawkinson</b> <i>Position 2</i>	12/2027	✓	✓	✗
<b>Erin Gunter</b> <i>Position 3</i>	12/2027	✓	✓	✓
<b>McKenna Pinto-Gonzalez</b> <i>Position 4</i>	12/2027	✓	✓	✓
<b>Ryan O'Leary</b> <i>Position 5</i>	12/2029	✓	✓	✗
<b>Robert Pinkley</b> <i>Position 6</i>	12/2029	✓	✓	✓
<b>Jon Mutchler</b> <i>Position 7</i>	12/2029	✓	✓	✓

## Vote KEY



Voted **with**  
Future 42's Position



Voted **against**  
Future 42's Position



## 2026 Property Tax Levy

Ordinance No. 2279 establishes the amount of regular property tax the City of Ferndale will collect in 2026 based on assessed property values. The original proposal included an increase but did not pass and was amended to reflect a 0% increase over the prior year's base levy, excluding revenue from new construction or valuation changes. Setting the levy annually is required under state law to fund core services such as police, streets, and general government operations. By adopting a zero percent increase, the Council chose to prioritize tax restraint and affordability while continuing to fund essential services. Supporters view this as fiscally responsible in a period of rising costs.

*Future 42 position: Support*

**This passed 6-1** ✓



## AltaGas/Cherry Point Notice of Application

Resolution 25-10-06-B reaffirms the City of Ferndale's support for continued economic development at Cherry Point, including AltaGas' current proposals, and encourages reviewing agencies to complete thorough and timely permit review. It does not approve or deny the project itself, but formally states the City's support as the proposals move through the regulatory process.

*Future 42 position: Support*

**This Passed 7-0** ✓



## Tenant Fee Ballot Measure

Resolution 25-10-06-A publicly states the Ferndale City Council's *opposition* to a ballot initiative that would restrict certain landlord fees in rental agreements. While the resolution does not change law, it formally makes the Council's position known ahead of a November 2025 public vote. Supporters of the resolution agree transparency in housing costs is important but express concern that rigid fee caps may reduce rental supply or shift costs into higher base rent, potentially worsening affordability. Opponents argue elected officials should remain neutral and allow voters to decide. This initiative was passed by the voters of Ferndale in November 2025.

*Future 42 position: Support*

**This Passed 5-2** ✓

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