



*A Family Community For A Lifetime*

## Government Presentation

By Doug Stover, Mayor  
City of Coppel

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## ☼☼☼ Coppel Mayor Doug Stover



Mayor Douglas N. Stover  
Mayor: 2003 – 2009, 2010 – present  
City Councilman: 1998 - 2003  
Term Expires: May 2012

Mayor Stover is a Human Resources Director at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

He holds a BBA in Finance from Texas Tech University.

As mayor, he is committed to financial strength, economic development, infrastructure maintenance, education, public safety, fighting underage drinking and drug use, and providing the excellent city services that Coppel residents expect.

He has been married 29 years and his wife, Lee, teaches at North Lake College.

They have three children ages 25, 21 and 19.

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## ⋮ Agenda

- Structure of Coppel's Local Government
- Current Issues Facing Coppel
- What It's Like To Be Mayor
- Questions and Answers

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Structure of Coppel's Local  
Government

## ❖❖ Coppel's Local Government

- Home Rule Charter
- Council/Manager Form of Government
  - Policy Makers -v- Managers
  - Board of Directors -v- CEO
  - “What” -v- “How”
  - Run the City – 402 Employees
  - Hire: The City Manager, Judge, and City Attorney

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## ❖❖ Coppel's Local Government

- 7 city council members
  - Brancheau, Mahalik, Hinojosa-Flores, Tunnell, Faught, Franklin, Hunt
- Elected at large – not by District
- Non-voting mayor
  - Presides and Represents City
- Compensation
- 3 year “staggered” terms
  - 2011: 4 council members elected
  - 2012: 3 council members and mayor elected
  - 2013: no election
  - 2014: 4 council members elected
  - 2015: 3 council members and mayor elected
- No Term Limits

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## ☼☼ Coppel's Local Government

- Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays
- Work sessions
- Texas Open Meetings Law
  - Public deliberations
  - Public records
  - Executive session

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## ☼☼ What We Do

- Adopt Budgets
- Enact Local Legislation
- Set City Policies

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## What We Do

- Adopt Budgets
  - Establish Tax Rate
  - Sets Fiscal Policy
- Enact Local Legislation
  - Bicycle Helmets
  - BB Gun Ordinance
  - Scooters
  - Speed limit (25 mph)
  - Curfew
  - Alcohol Regulations
  - Sex Offender Restrictions
  - Red Light Cameras
- Set City Policies
  - Building Standards, Neighborhood Integrity and Code Enforcement

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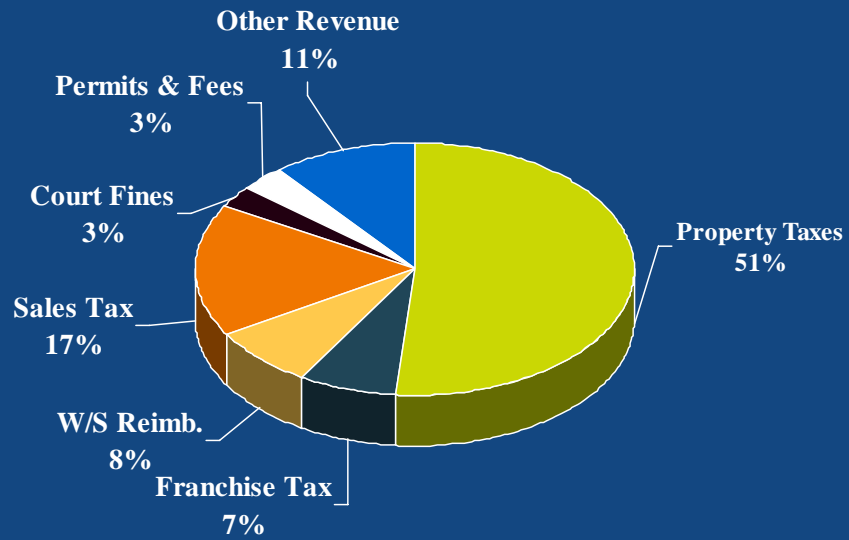
## What We Do

- Adopt Budgets
  - \$43.8 Million General Fund Budget
  - Public Safety Largest Expenditure
  - Safety and Services
  - \$.69046 per \$100 value
  - Medium home pays \$1,906
    - \$276,000 median home value
- Separate Tax Authority from Schools
  - \$102+ Million

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## ☼☼ CITY OF COPPELL

### General Fund Revenues



## ☼☼ What We Don't Do

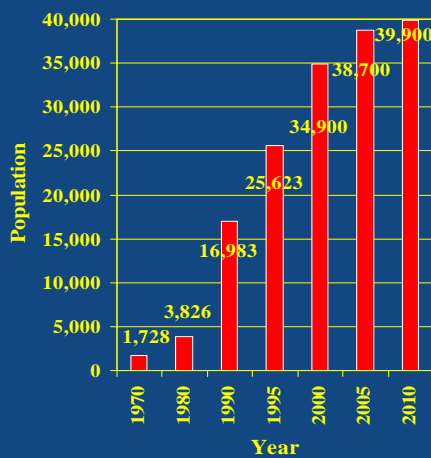
- Get Involved In The Day To Day Administration
  - Get Your Medians Mowed, Fix Tickets, Have Someone Arrested
- Act Contrary to State or Federal Law



## Current Issues Facing Coppell



## Population



- Since the 1990 census, the city has experienced a phenomenal growth of 135%.
- This rate translates to an increase in population of approximately 23,000 people during the last twenty years.

## ❖❖❖ Issues Facing Coppel

- Northlake Development
  - 10,000 homes/townhouses/apartments
- Limited \$ Resources to Satisfy Unlimited Wants/Needs
  - Tax Base is Not Growing
  - Build Out
  - 60/40 Ratio of Residential to Commercial
- Daily Requests for New Services
  - Continue to Service Expectations of Citizens
  - Raise Taxes/New Revenue Sources
- Teen Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Revitalizing Old Coppel
- Reinvent Commercial Sector
  - Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Public Transportation
  - Think Regionally/Act Locally
- State and Federal Mandates and Laws and Interference
  - Sewer/Air Quality/Homeland Security/~~Sales Tax Changes/Traffic Fines~~Property Tax Legislation
- Maintenance Mode
  - Infrastructure
  - Neighborhood Integrity

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## ❖❖❖ In Challenging Times How Do You Value?

- Police
- Fire
- Parks
- Streets
- Library
- Aquatic and Recreation Center
- Community Theater
- Crossing Guards
- Infrastructure Maintenance

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## ⋮⋮ Work Closely with School District

- School Finance Fiasco
  - \$100+ million budget
  - \$40+/- million to “Robin Hood”
  - Past ½-cent Sales Tax Dedication
  - Resource Officers/Crossing Guards
  - One community

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## ⋮⋮ Coppel Has Had Great Success...But



Keep Peddling – The Only Way  
You Can Coast Is Downhill!

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## What It's Like To Be Mayor

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- Effective Time Management Skills to Balance
  - Private Life
  - Professional Life
  - Political Life

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- Private Life
  - Wife and 3 kids
  - Active in Church
  - School and Sports
- Political Life
  - Always A Mayoral Invitation/Event/Public Appearance
  - “Being Mayor is What I Do, Not Who I Am”
- Professional Life
  - Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

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## ☺☺ What It's Like To Be Mayor

- Loss of Privacy
- Time Commitment
- Honor to Represent City as Ambassador
- Honor to Represent City in Ceremonies and Activities
- Volunteering and Making a Difference
- Proud to Be Mayor – No Regrets

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## City of Coppell – Alcohol/Drug Issues

- Drug/Alcohol Use is Here, It is Everywhere
- Tough on Crime
  - Every 2 Days Drug Arrest
  - Undercover Agents
- Minor in Possession (MIP)
- Minor in Consumption (MIC)
- “Those Who Host Lose the Most” Law
  - Unlawful to provide alcohol
  - Unlawful to allow use in home

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Questions and Answers



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