



## History

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### **When did the Texas Rangers move to Arlington?**

- The team, formerly the Washington Senators, moved to Arlington, Texas in 1971. They debuted as the Texas Rangers for the 1972 season, playing their games at the Arlington Stadium.

### **When did Globe Life Park in Arlington open?**

- The Texas Rangers played the first game at The Ballpark in Arlington, as it was originally named, on April, 1, 1994. The ballpark was renamed Globe Life Park in Arlington in 2014.

### **How long is the current agreement between the City of Arlington and the Texas Rangers for Globe Life Park in Arlington?**

- The Ballpark in Arlington, as it was originally named, was approved by Arlington voters in 1991 with a 65 percent majority vote. The agreement was for a 30-year lease that will expire in 2024.

## Components of the Agreement

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### **How long is the proposed agreement between the City of Arlington and the Texas Rangers for the new ballpark?**

- If approved by the voters on November 8, 2016, the new non-relocation agreement with the Texas Rangers would extend until 2054. Additionally, there are two 5-year renewal options that could keep the Rangers here until 2064.

### **If approved by the voters, how much will it cost to build a new ballpark?**

- While designs and costs have not been finalized, the cost of the new ballpark and related infrastructure is estimated at \$1 billion. The Master Agreement caps the City's contribution at \$500 million.

### **Would public funding pay for anything other than the new ballpark?**

- No, the City's investment will go toward the new ballpark and related infrastructure only.

### **What effort will be made to ensure minority participation in the building of the new ballpark?**

- In coordination with a Community Advisory Committee, the Texas Rangers and the City of Arlington will develop a Community Benefits Plan to ensure a diverse workforce is achieved. The Rangers agree to implement that plan to provide meaningful community benefits and appropriate opportunities for local companies, as well as racial and ethnic minority or women owned companies (MWBE), in the design, development, procurement and construction of the new ballpark. The agreement calls an overall goal of 25 percent use by the Team of qualified MWBE companies.

### **Will Arlington's name be placed on the new ballpark?**

- The master agreement between the City of Arlington and the Texas Rangers calls for Arlington to be prominently featured inside and outside the new ballpark. It also calls for the team to use its best efforts in radio, TV, media guides, the website and other marketing materials to highlight Arlington.

### **Who will own the new ballpark?**

- If approved by the voters, the new ballpark will be owned by the City of Arlington. The Texas Rangers will be responsible for designing and building the facility.

### **Will the team's headquarters stay in Arlington?**

- Yes, under the master agreement, the Texas Rangers' headquarters and executive offices will remain in Arlington.

## **FINANCING**

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### **What would be the financial impact to Arlington taxpayers?**

- If approved by the voters, there would be no increase in the City's sales tax rate, hotel occupancy tax rate or motor-vehicle tax rate. A parking and ticket tax could be levied at the Ranger's request, for events at the Texas Rangers Complex Development.

### **How would the City of Arlington pay for its portion of the bonds?**

- The bonds the City of Arlington would issue would be paid for through a half-cent sales tax, 2 percent hotel occupancy tax and 5 percent car rental tax (venue taxes). All of this will require approval from the voters. These are special revenue bonds that are not a general obligation of the City or supported by a pledge of ad valorem taxes. These venue taxes are the same as what is currently in place for AT&T Stadium and there will be no increase in the tax rate.

In addition to other sources of funding, the Texas Rangers could fund their contribution through a tax on admission tickets, a parking tax, and any fees paid by the City for the sale of individual 'Stadium Builder Licenses' that enable the license holder to buy tickets for certain seats in the new ballpark. At

the Rangers' request, the City would issue bonds, which are backed solely by ticket and parking taxes and not by any other source of tax revenue.

### **When will the City of Arlington's current debt for AT&T Stadium be paid off?**

- The City's portion of AT&T Stadium debt is being paid off through a half-cent sales tax, a 5 percent car rental tax, and a 2 percent hotel occupancy tax approved by the voters in November 2004. Currently, the debt is scheduled to be paid off in 2028 but is projected to be repaid at a faster pace.

The City of Arlington will hold an election on November 8, 2016, which would provide for funding mechanisms to provide the public portion of financing for construction of a new ballpark and the payoff of the AT&T Stadium debt.

### **Who is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the ballpark and associated facilities, including parking?**

- Per the City's agreement, the Texas Rangers are responsible for all maintenance and operating expenses for the ballpark, such as utilities, and associated facilities, including parking lots.

## **TIMELINE**

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### **If the voters approve of the new ballpark, when would construction begin and when would the team start playing there?**

- Construction could begin as early as 2017, and the first game in the new ballpark could be played as early as the 2020 season.

### **Where will the team play while the new ballpark is being constructed?**

- The Texas Rangers will continue to play in Globe Life Park in Arlington during the construction of the new ballpark.

### **Would homes be torn down to make room for a new ballpark?**

- No. The ballpark, if approved, would be built in what is currently a team parking lot.

## **BALLPARK DESIGN**

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### **If approved by the voters, where will the new Rangers ballpark be located?**

- Plans call for the new ballpark to remain in the Arlington Entertainment District, south of the current ballpark, south of Randol Mill Road and west of Stadium Drive.

### **When will the design of the new stadium be released?**

- Design plans are still being developed, but if the election proposition is approved by the voters in November, the Texas Rangers may provide initial funding starting as early as 2017 with the hope that construction will start that year.

### **Will the new ballpark have a roof?**

- The Texas Rangers are still working on the designs for the new ballpark, but the Master Agreement details a retractable roof as a required element.

### **What will happen to Globe Life Park in Arlington once the new ballpark opens?**

- The City of Arlington is in current discussions with the Texas Rangers about the future of the Globe Life Park property if a new ballpark is approved.

The City is working with the Rangers to try and preserve some signature elements of Globe Life Park possibly including portions of the façade, underground parking and/or the Center Field Office Building.