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**MONEY Magazine Names Wylie 20<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in Nation**

**Wylie, Texas, Sept. 18, 2017** – Wylie has been named number 20 on MONEY Magazine’s 2017 Best Places to Live in America list. For this year’s list, MONEY evaluated 2,400 cities on eight categories: cost of living, economy, education, housing, crime, convenience, cultural and recreational amenities, and an overall sense of pleasantness. This year, MONEY teamed with realtor.com, which provided housing market data.

“This is exciting news for Wylie,” said Mayor Eric Hogue. “It’s wonderful to get this type of national recognition – for a second time – from a prestigious organization like MONEY magazine. The country is seeing what the citizens of this community already knew – that Wylie is a great place to call home!”

Noting Wylie’s “booming economy, low unemployment, and job growth,” MONEY editors said, “Wylie is one of the fastest-growing cities in Texas. Incorporated as a town in 1887, Wylie grew steadily during the Great Depression years, unlike many rural Texas communities, relying on onions as the town’s cash crop. By the 1940s, it had become nicknamed ‘Wide Awake Wylie,’ for its late-night socializing and shopping habits.”

That “same community spirit” is one of the many reasons Wylie has landed on MONEY’s “Best Places” list for the second time – it was ranked 25 in 2015. In addition to a crime rate that is “well below the national average,” editors said that Wylie’s citizens get together for such events as “bluegrass festivals, the local rodeo, pedal car races, and other outdoor concerts. Historic Downtown Wylie attracts residents and visitors with many shops, century-old buildings, and Olde City Park.” Editors also noted Wylie’s hike and bike trails and proximity to Lavon and Ray Hubbard lakes, which provide recreational opportunities.

Wylie ISD was also a factor. “Students in the Wylie School District tend to score above the national and state averages on the SAT and ACT; its high school graduation rate, meanwhile, is just shy of 95 percent.”

For more information, including the complete list of honorees, visit [time.com/money/collection/best-places-to-live-2017/](http://time.com/money/collection/best-places-to-live-2017/).

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 48,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. In 2015, Money Magazine named Wylie the 25<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in the Country, and financial website NerdWallet named Wylie the Best Small City for Young Families in August 2016. Realtor.com named Wylie the second hottest suburb in the country in February 2017.