



City of McKinney Press Release

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McKinney #5 on Money Magazine “Best Places to Live” list

McKINNEY, TEXAS (July 12, 2010) – In the August issue of *Money Magazine*, McKinney ranked # 5 on the Best Places to Live in the country. McKinney is the only Texas city in the top 10.

Money editors and writers look at employment, schools, crime and safety, and overall quality of life aspects to come up with the list. According to the listing, McKinney’s Historic Downtown and hometown spirit set the city apart from the rest.

“Lots of towns near Dallas have low crime, affordable homes, and good jobs; McKinney is no exception. What makes it stand out is its gem of a downtown...Though McKinney has grown like mad over the past decade, you'd never suspect it when driving through its tree-filled communities surrounded by ponds, parks, and hiking trails.” *Money Magazine*

To see the ranking, [click here](#).

To see the video accompanying the article, [click here](#).

“This is an incredible honor, but it’s one that doesn’t surprise anyone who lives in McKinney. We know how special our city is, and why so many people love living here,” said Interim City Manager Rick Chaffin. “McKinney’s unique character is the result of careful city planning that preserves its historic neighborhoods and natural environment while the city continues to grow. Our community stands out because it has the whole package - diversified businesses, quality of life amenities, natural open spaces, entertainment options, and one-of-a-kind residential developments that are keeping our hometown charm alive.”

McKinney debuted on the list at #14 in 2008. Money Magazine ranked only cities with populations below 50,000 in 2009. Recent Census numbers also designate McKinney as the third-fastest growing city in the country from 2008 to 2009.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of more than 127,500. Incorporated in 1848, the city

is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments, and it was recently ranked as the #5 Best Places to Live by Money Magazine. Visit the city's Web site at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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