

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.3867 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Hays County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.3867 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.3867 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.4532 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Hays County from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Hays County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Hays County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 21, 2021 AT 1:00 PM AT Hays County Commissioners Courtroom - 111 E. San Antonio Street, San Marcos, TX 78666.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Hays County is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Commissioners Court of Hays County at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

FOR the proposal:	Ruben Becerra	Walt Smith
	Lon Shell	Mark Jones
	Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe	

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated

to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Hays County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Hays County this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.4212	\$0.3867	decrease of -0.0345, or -8.19%
Average homestead taxable value	\$275,872	\$309,038	increase of 33,166, or 12.02%
Tax on average homestead	\$1,161.97	\$1,195.05	increase of 33.08, or 2.85%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$92,611,468	\$97,081,003	increase of 4,469,535, or 4.83%

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

Hays County spent \$2,026,796 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$617,621. This increased the no-new-revenue tax rate by \$0.0002/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Hays County at 512-393-5545 or jenifer.okane@co.hays.tx.us, or visit www.hayscountytexas.com/taxoffice for more information.