

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.3125 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Hays County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.3125 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.3125 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.3614 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Hays County from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 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 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 20, 2022 AT 1:00 PM AT Hays County Historic Courthouse - 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 to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Commissioner's 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 Mark Jones Walt Smith	Debbie Ingalsbe Lon Shell
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AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

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.

	2021	2022	Change

Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.3867	\$0.3125	decrease of -0.0742, or -19.19%
Average homestead taxable value	\$307,198	\$437,124	increase of 129,926, or 42.29%
Tax on average homestead	\$1,187.93	\$1,366.01	increase of 178.08, or 14.99%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$97,034,348	\$102,713,367	increase of 5,679,019, or 5.85%

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures

The Hays County spent \$2,000,000 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 on indigent health care compensation expenditures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$1,000,000. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.0032/\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The Hays County spent \$3,352,832 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 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 and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$1,326,036. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.0003/\$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 hays.countytaxrates.com for more information.