Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Harris County Hospital District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 6.32 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on October 7, 2014 at 10:00 AM at Harris County Commissioners Court, 1001 Preston, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002.

The second public hearing will be held on October 14, 2014 at 10:00 AM at Harris County Commissioners Court, 1001 Preston, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:

Judge Ed Emmett

Commissioner El Franco Lee Commissioner Steve Radack

Commissioner Jack Morman

Commissioner R. Jack Cagle

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Harris County Hospital District last year was \$119,418. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.17000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$203.01.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Harris County Hospital District this year is \$133,147. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.15989 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$212.89.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.17000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$226.35.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The Harris County Hospital District spent \$665,290,000 from March 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014 on enhanced indigent health care 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 \$98,610,000.