

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.37693 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Harris County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.37693 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.37223 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.37814 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 Harris 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 Harris County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 28, 2021 AT 10:00 am AT the Courtroom of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas on the ninth floor of the Harris County Administration Building, 1001 Preston Street, Houston, Texas or may be viewed here: www.harriscountytexas.gov/Government/Court-Agenda/Court-Videos.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Harris 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 Harris County Commissioner's Court of Harris County at their offices or by attending the public hearing 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: Judge Lina Hidalgo
Commissioner Adrian Garcia
Commissioner R. Jack Cagle
Commissioner Rodney Ellis
Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey, P.E.

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

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 Harris County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.39116	\$0.37693	decrease of -0.01423, or -3.64%

Average homestead taxable value	\$174,486	\$184,766	increase of 10,280, or 5.89%
Tax on average homestead	\$682.52	\$696.44	increase of 13.92, or 2.04%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,892,972,596	\$1,955,572,161	increase of 62,599,565, or 3.31%

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The Harris County spent \$53,986,000 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 \$424,493. This increased the no-new-revenue tax rate by \$0.00008/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County at (713) 274-8000 or tax.office@hctx.net, or visit www.hctx.net for more information.