

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.1000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Hays County ESD #8.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.1000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.0908 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.0943 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.1000 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 ESD #8 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 ESD #8 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Hays County ESD #8 exceeds the voter-approval rate for Hays County ESD #8.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Hays County ESD #8, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Hays County ESD #8.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Hays County ESD #8 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 18, 2021 AT 7:00 PM AT Buda Fire Main Station, 209 FM 2770, Buda, TX 78610.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If Hays County ESD #8 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the Hays County ESD #8 may petition the Hays County ESD #8 to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the Hays County ESD #8 will be the voter-approval tax rate of the Hays County ESD #8.

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: Jim Weatherford
Scott Stevens
Paul Kaskie

Jim Hollis
Carol Greaves

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 ESD

#8 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Hays County ESD #8 this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.1000	\$0.1000	increase of 0.0000, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$268,560	\$292,820	increase of 24,260, or 9.03%
Tax on average homestead	\$268.56	\$292.82	increase of 24.26, or 9.03%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$4,757,633	\$5,474,728	increase of 717,095, or 15.07%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Hays County ESD #8 at 512-393-5545 or jenifer.okane@co.hays.tx.us.