

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of 0.097210 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 1.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.097210 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.093821 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.097210 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.096480 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 1 from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Harris County Emergency Services District No. 1 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 1 exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 1.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 1, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 1.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Emergency Services District No. 1 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 22, 2020 at 9:00 AM at Teleconference 281-612-4887.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Harris County Emergency Services District No. 1 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 Emergency Services District No. 1 at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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

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

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:

FOR:

Cathy Sunday
Fred Scibuola
Pete Serna

Shirley Reed
Virginia Bazan

AGAINST:

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 Emergency Services District No. 1 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Services District No. 1 this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.100000	\$0.097210	<i>decrease of</i> -\$0.002790 OR
Average homestead taxable value	\$144,297	\$155,855	<i>increase of</i> 8.00%
Tax on average homestead	\$144	\$152	<i>increase of</i> \$7 OR 4.99%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$17,769,506	\$19,001,680	<i>increase of</i> \$1,232,174 OR 6.93%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 1 at

713-274-8000 or tax.office@hctx.net, or visit www.hctx.net for more information.