

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

This notice only applies to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit or municipality with a population of less than 30,000, regardless of whether it is a special taxing unit.

A tax rate of \$0.1000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Hays County Fire ESD #3.

PROPOSED TAX RATE: \$0.1000 per \$100

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE: \$0.0914 per \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE: \$0.0950 per \$100

DE MINIMIS RATE: \$0.1136 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Hays County Fire ESD #3 from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Hays County Fire ESD #3 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Hays County Fire ESD #3 exceeds the voter-approval rate for Hays County Fire ESD #3.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Hays County Fire ESD #3 the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Hays County Fire ESD #3.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Hays County Fire ESD #3 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 08/26/2024 (CT) 05:30 PM (CT) at Station 11, Room 208, 3528 Hunter Road, San Marcos, TX, 78666.

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 Fire ESD #3 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the Hays County Fire ESD #3 may petition the Hays County Fire ESD #3 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 Fire ESD #3 will be the voter-approval tax rate of the Hays County Fire ESD #3.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX 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: Tom Richey, Leighton Stallones, Ross Britt, Chase Stap

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Lea Ann Kenworthy

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 Fire ESD #3 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Hays County Fire ESD #3 this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.1000	\$0.1000	0% increase
Average homestead taxable value	\$407,406	\$406,037	0.33% decrease
Tax on average homestead	\$407	\$406	0.33% decrease
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,945,212	\$2,283,285	17.37% increase

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Hays County Fire ESD #3 at (512) 393-5545 or jenifer.okane@co.hays.tx.us , or visit <http://www.hayscountytexas.com/taxoffice> for more information.