

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 Fire ESD #3.

PROPOSED TAX RATE: \$0.1000 per \$100

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE: \$0.0835 per \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE: \$0.0865 per \$100

DE MINIMUS RATE: \$0.1090 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 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 2022 tax year and the 2023 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 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 08/10/2023 (CT) 05:00 PM (CT) at STATION 11 (ROOM 208), 3528 HUNTER ROAD, SAN MARCOS, TX.

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, Lea Ann Kenworthy, Ross Britt, Chase Stapp

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 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.

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.1000	\$0.1000	0% increase
Average homestead taxable value	\$310,898	\$347,685	11.83% increase
Tax on average homestead	\$310	\$347	11.93% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,614,805	\$1,962,303	21.51% 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.