

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.369377 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Ector County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.369377 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.369377 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.383039 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 Ector County 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 Ector County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Ector County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 22, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Ector County Commissioners' Courtroom, Ector County Administration Bldg., Room 120, 1010 E 8th St. .

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Ector County is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting Debi Hays of Ector County 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 rate as follows:

FOR:

Debi Hays
Greg Simmons
Armando Rodriguez

Eddy Shelton
Dale Childers

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 Ector County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Ector County this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.365000	\$0.369377	increase of \$0.004377 OR
Average homestead taxable value	\$152,191	\$167,188	increase of 9.85%
Tax on average homestead	\$556	\$618	increase of \$62 OR 11.17%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$57,483,019	\$58,223,856	increase of \$740,837 OR 1.29%

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The Ector County County Auditor certifies that Ector County County has spent \$845,414 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Ector County County Sheriff has provided Ector County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for the reimbursement of such costs. This increased the voter-approval tax rate by \$0.001239/\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The Ector County spent \$ 1,850,461 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals, less the amount of state grants received by the county. In the preceding year, the county spent \$1,760,763 for indigent defense compensation expenditures. The amount of increase above last year's indigent defense expenditures is \$89,698. This increased the voter-approval rate by \$ 0.000566 /\$100 to recoup the increased expenditures.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Ector County at 432-332-6864 or ector@ectorcad.org, or visit www.ectorcad.org for more information.