

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.631876 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Rusk County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.631876 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.592659 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.648905 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 Rusk County 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 Rusk County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

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

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 2, 2021 AT 10:00 AM AT County Court Room, First Floor, Rusk County Courthouse, Henderson, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Rusk County 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 Commissioners Court of Rusk County at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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

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

<b>FOR the proposal:</b>	Bennie Whitworth Joel Hale Randy Gaut	Greg Gibson Robert Kuykendall
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**AGAINST the proposal:**

**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 Rusk County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Rusk County this year.

	2020	2021	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.581815	\$0.631876	increase of 0.050061, or 8.60%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$81,933	\$84,090	increase of 2,157, or 2.63%

<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$476.70	\$531.34	increase of 54.64, or 11.46%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$19,388,486	\$20,842,713	increase of 1,454,227, or 7.50%

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For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Rusk County at 903-657-0302 or [jhale@ruskcountytexas.gov](mailto:jhale@ruskcountytexas.gov), or visit [www.co.rusk.tx.us](http://www.co.rusk.tx.us) for more information.