

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.185000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.176167 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.753049 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 City of Kemah 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 the City of Kemah 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 the City of Kemah is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 16, 2020, at 7:00 pm at 1401 Highway 146, Kemah, Texas 77565.

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

**Your taxes owed under any of the tax rates mentioned above can be calculated as follows:**

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

The members of City Council voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:

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| <b>FOR:</b> | Mayor Terri Gale<br>Council Member Kyle Burks<br>Council Member Isaac Saldana | Council Member Robin Collins<br>Council Member Teresa Vazquez-Evans<br>Council Member Wanda Zimmer |
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**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 the City of Kemah last year to the taxes proposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Kemah this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.202838	\$0.185000	Decrease of \$0.017838 OR -8.79%
Average homestead taxable value	\$210,205	\$217,167	Increase of 3.31%
Tax on average homestead	\$426.38	\$401.76	Decrease of \$25 OR -5.77%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$688,665	\$729,892	Increase of \$41,228 OR 5.98%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Kemah at 409-766-2260 or galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us, or visit [www.galcotax.com](http://www.galcotax.com) for more information.