

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.086207 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.083165 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.086207 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.110458 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 Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 1 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 Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 1 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 Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 1 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on August 18, 2020, at 1:00 PM at 13112 Highway 6 South, Santa Fe, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 1 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 Board of Directors of Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 1 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:

Property tax amount = tax rate x taxable value of your property/\$100

The members of the Board of Directors voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:

FOR:	Andrew McDonald	Sharon Free
	Kevin O'Brien	Keith Gray

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 Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 1 last year to the taxes proposed on the average residence homestead by Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 1:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.092500	\$0.086207	Decrease of \$0.006293 OR -6.80%
Average homestead taxable value	\$193,288	\$204,293	Increase of 5.69%
Tax on average homestead	\$179	\$176	Decrease of \$3 OR -1.49%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,502,629	\$1,586,622	Increase of \$83,993 OR 5.58%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 1 at 409-766-2260 or galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us, or visit www.galcotax.com for more information.