

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.082981 per \$100 of valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.082981 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.079797 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.082981 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.116024 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. 2 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. 2 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2 exceeds the voter approval rate. The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2, the rate that will raise \$500,000 and the current debt rate for Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2 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 3:00 PM at the Crystal Beach Fire Station building, 930 Noble Carl Drive, Crystal Beach, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2 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. 2 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 the Board of Directors voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:

<b>FOR:</b>	President Sid Bouse	Vice President Kate Newberry
	Secretary John Lee, Jr.	Treasurer George Strong
	Assistant Treasurer Larry Flanagan	

**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. 2 last year to the taxes proposed on the average residence homestead by Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2 this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.083741	\$0.082981	Decrease of \$0.000760 OR -0.91%
Average homestead taxable value	\$175,992	\$186,714	Increase of 6.09%
Tax on average homestead	\$147	\$155	Increase of \$8 or 5.12%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,084,399	\$1,157,357	Increase of \$72,958 or 6.73%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2 at 409-766-2260 or galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us, or visit [www.galcotax.com](http://www.galcotax.com) for more information.