

# Water District

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Galveston County WCID 8 (Alta Loma) will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on September 16, 2020 at 12148 15th Street Santa Fe, Texas 77510 at 4:30 p.m.. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

**FOR:**

CT Anderson - President  
 David Tyner - Secretary/Treasurer  
 Ralph Stenzel - Director

William Barnett - Vice President  
 Bob Wylie - Asst Secretary/Treasurer

**AGAINST:**

**PRESENT and not voting:**

**ABSENT:**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year		This Year
	0.294700		0.297520
	Adopted		Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)			
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		0.002820	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		0.96%	
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$170,042		\$194,964
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled persons exemptions)	\$37,927		\$53,638
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$132,115		\$141,326
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 389.34		\$ 420.47
Annual increase/decrease if proposed tax rate is adopted(+/-)		\$ 31.13	
and percentage of increase(+/-)		8.00%	

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE**

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

**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.**