

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

- A tax rate of \$0.778400 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Starr County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.778400 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.738828 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.802323 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.815933 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 Starr County 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 Starr County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Starr County exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Starr County

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Starr County, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Starr County

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Starr County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 10, 2020 at 10:00 am at Starr County Courthouse Annex, 100 N. FM 3167, Rio Grande City, TX 78582.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Starr 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 Starr County Commissioner's Court of Starr County at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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

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

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 Starr County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Starr County this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.778400	\$0.778400	<i>decrease of</i> \$0.000000 OR
Average homestead taxable value	\$44,994	\$47,509	<i>increase of</i> 5.58%
Tax on average homestead	\$351	\$370	<i>increase of</i> \$19 OR 5.59%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$16,673,610	\$16,881,590	<i>increase of</i> \$207,980 OR 1.25%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Starr County at (956)716-4800 or starrtax@co.starr.tx.us, or visit co.starr.tx.us for more information.