

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.492087 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of HASKELL COUNTY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.492087 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.474167 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.492087 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.571178 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 HASKELL 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 HASKELL COUNTY may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for HASKELL COUNTY exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for HASKELL COUNTY

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

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that HASKELL 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 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at HASKELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE-DISTRICT COURTROOM.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, HASKELL 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 Commissioner's Court of HASKELL 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 members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:**

**FOR:**

Judge Kenny Thompson	Billy Wayne Hester	
Elmer Adams	Matt Sanders	Neal Kreger

**AGAINST:**

**PRESENT and not voting:**

**ABSENT:**

**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 HASKELL COUNTY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by HASKELL COUNTY this year:**

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.476488	\$0.492087	<i>increase of</i> \$0.015599 OR
Average homestead taxable value	\$37,971	\$39,422	<i>increase of</i> 3.82%
Tax on average homestead	\$181	\$194	<i>increase of</i> \$13 OR 7.21%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$2,478,246	\$2,572,867	<i>increase of</i> \$94,621 OR 3.82%

**Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures**

The HASKELL COUNTY spent \$ 48,723 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals, less the amount of state grants received by the county. In the preceding year, the county spent \$46,626 for indigent defense compensation expenditures. The amount of increase above last year's indigent defense expenditures is \$2097. This increased the voter-approval rate by \$ 0.000402 /\$100 to recoup the increased expenditures.

**For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for HASKELL COUNTY at 940-864-3805 or whester@haskellcad.com, or visit www.haskellcad.org for more information.**

