

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.540000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Hutchinson County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.540000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.496751 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.587288 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Hutchinson County from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Hutchinson County 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 Hutchinson County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2026 AT 9:30 AM AT 500 MAIN STREET STINNETT TEXAS COUNTY COURT ROOM.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Hutchinson 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 Hutchinson County Commissioners Court at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal:

Judge Cindy Irwin
Ben Bentley
Chris Prock

Gary Alexander
Dwight Kirksey

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not
voting:

ABSENT:

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax

rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

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 Hutchinson County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Hutchinson County this year.

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.500000	\$0.540000	increase of 0.040000 per \$100, or 8.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$87,428	\$87,821	increase of 0.45%
Tax on average homestead	\$437.14	\$474.23	increase of 37.09, or 8.48%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$15,675,339	\$17,056,899	increase of 1,381,560, or 8.81%

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The Hutchinson County Auditor certifies that Hutchinson County has spent \$100,345 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Hutchinson County Sheriff has provided Hutchinson County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.000150/\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

Hutchinson County spent \$363,354 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure and to fund the operations of a public defender’s office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year’s indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$60,597. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.000480/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Hutchinson County at 806-878-4005 or ckimmell@hutchinsoncnty.com, or visit www.hutchinsoncountytaxonline.com for more information.