

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.638215 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Hutchinson County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.638215 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.614781 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.648678 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Hutchinson County from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 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 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 23, 2021 AT 9:30 AM AT 5th & 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 of Hutchinson County 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:**

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

**FOR the proposal:** Gary Alexander Commissioner Pct #1 Ben Bentley Commissioner Pct #3  
Cindy Irwin County Judge Dwight Kirksey Commissioner Pct #2  
Chris Prock Commissioner Pct #4

**AGAINST the proposal:**

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

	2020	2021	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.595000	\$0.638215	increase of 0.043215, or 7.26%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$49,837	\$51,123	increase of 1,286, or 2.58%

<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$296.53	\$326.27	increase of 29.74, or 10.03%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$13,602,976	\$14,160,508	increase of 557,532, or 4.10%

**Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures**

The Hutchinson County spent \$420,901 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 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, less the amount of state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$64,635. This increased the no-new-revenue tax rate by \$0.000806/\$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.hutchinsoncountyonline.com](http://www.hutchinsoncountyonline.com) for more information.