

# NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.376037 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Galveston County.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE       | \$0.376037 per \$100 |
| NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE | \$0.376037 per \$100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | \$0.436464 per \$100 |

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Galveston County from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year. The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Galveston County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Galveston County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 19, 2022 at 9:30 am at 722 Moody Avenue, Galveston, Texas 77550.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Galveston County is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Commissioners Court of Galveston County at their offices or by attending the public meeting 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

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| <b>FOR the proposal:</b> | County Judge Mark Henry      | Commissioner Darrell Apffel    |
|                          | Commissioner Joe Giusti      | Commissioner Stephen D. Holmes |
|                          | Commissioner Robin Armstrong |                                |

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

|                                     | 2021          | 2022          | Change                              |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.424500    | \$0.376037    | decrease of \$-0.048463, or -11.42% |
| Average homestead taxable value     | \$209,615     | \$234,097     | increase of \$24,482, or 11.68%     |
| Tax on average homestead            | \$889.82      | \$880.29      | decrease of \$-9.53, or -1.07%      |
| Total tax levy on all properties    | \$145,355,821 | \$146,015,175 | increase of \$659,354, or 0.45%     |

**No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments**  
**State Criminal Justice Mandate**

The Galveston County Auditor certifies that Galveston County has spent \$1,137,057 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Galveston County Sheriff has provided 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 \$0.000672/\$100.

**Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures**

The Galveston County spent \$3,345,953 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 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 \$400,973. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.000386/\$100.