

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.341964 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Galveston County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.341964 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.341964 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.432234 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Galveston County from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 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 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 5, 2023 at 9:30 am at the Galveston County Courthouse, 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 Commissioner's 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:

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

FOR the proposal: County Judge Mark Henry
Joe Guisti, Commissioner Precinct 2
Robin Armstrong, Commissioner Precinct 4
Darrell Apffel, Commissioner Precinct 1
Stephen Holmes, Commissioner Precinct 3

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.

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.376030	\$0.341964	decrease of -0.034066, or -9.06%
Average homestead taxable value	\$234,097	\$258,260	increase of 24,163, or 10.32%
Tax on average homestead	\$880.27	\$883.16	increase of 2.89, or 0.33%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$145,325,989	\$147,426,484	increase of 2,100,495, or 1.45%

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The Galveston County Auditor certifies that Galveston County has spent \$1,571,820 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 Galveston 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 \$0.001037/\$100.

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures

Galveston County spent \$2,664,332 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 on indigent health care compensation expenditures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$58,072. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.000138/\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

Galveston County spent \$3,407,713 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 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 \$61,760. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.000147/\$100.