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Dear Municipal Utility District No. 44 Property Owner:

The Galveston County Tax Office provides property tax assessment and collection services for Municipal Utility District No. 44.

Truth in Taxation requires that governmental entities publish ads or notify property owners of certain activities associated with tax rate adoption. At the request of the Board of Directors, this notice is being mailed to all property owners of record along with the required Notice of Public Hearing shown on the reverse of this letter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl E. Johnson".

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Water District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Galveston County Municipal Utility District #44 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on September 3, 2024 at 2:00 PM at 400 W Walker, League City, Texas 77573. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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.

For the proposal:	W. E. White, President	Jim Bollom, Vice President
	Fred Growcock	Paul VandenBergh
	Terry R. Finkle	

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.650000/\$100 Adopted	\$0.600000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.050000
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-7.69%
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$360,703	\$373,386
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$3,607	\$11,202
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$357,096	\$362,184
Tax on average residence homestead	\$2,321.12	\$2,173.10
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$-148.02 -6.38%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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.